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Dear Ms. Russo,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991).

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention requested the Committee to take into account in its work general and specific compliance issues identified in the Third Review of Implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/15, decision V/3), based on questionnaires returned by Parties (available at http://live.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/review_implementation_2010.html).

The Committee noted at its twenty-second session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 September 2011, that in its reply to the questionnaire regarding identification of a proposed activity requiring environmental impact assessment under the Convention (question 5), Portugal had indicated that the national list of activities subject to EIA included all the activities listed in the revised appendix I to the Convention “**except for the offshore hydrocarbon production**”. The Committee pointed out that Portugal is not land-locked and therefore questioned why offshore hydrocarbon production had been excluded.

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In the light of the above, the Committee asked me to write to you on its behalf to seek clarification of Portugal's implementation of the annex I to the Convention. You are kindly requested to provide written clarification to the Convention's secretariat no later than 15 November 2011. The Committee will consider this information at its forthcoming session, from 5 to 7 December 2011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'VK', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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