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Subject Message on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention

Dear Mr. Pillu and Mr. Bozet,

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 Second Review of Implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/1), based on questionnaires returned by Parties (available at http://www.unece.org/env/eia/review_implementation_2006.htm).

The Committee noted at its 15th session (28-30 October 2008) that the Walloon Region of Belgium had no experience in application of the Convention in the period 2003-2005, whereas the Flanders Region reported seven transboundary EIA procedures with another Party (the Netherlands) in the same period.

The Committee agreed that it might wish to come back to this matter at a later date and requested the secretariat, in the meantime, to contact you on behalf of the Committee to seek clarification of why the Walloon Region of Belgium had no experience as Party of origin in the reviewed period.

You are requested to provide written clarification to the Convention's secretariat no later than 15 February 2009.

The Committee will consider this information at its forthcoming session, from 15 to 17 March 2009, and, if appropriate, propose ways and means of supporting your country's implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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