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Dear Ms Paul,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

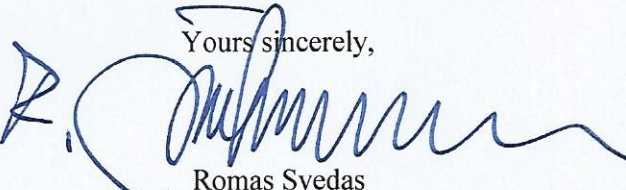
At its forty-third session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2018, the Committee considered the information received from a German civil initiative on 20 June 2017 concerning the planned changes at the Zurich airport, close to the border with Germany, including construction of taxiways and modifications of the operating regulations.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to invite the Government of Germany to inform the Committee whether it was aware of the project and whether the Swiss authorities had consulted it regarding the proposed activity in order to determine whether a transboundary impact assessment procedure would be required. Please also provide the Committee with the clarifications on the following points:

- (a) Whether the Government of Germany was notified about the changes at the Zürich airport. If so, please indicate when the notifications was received and what the outcomes of the subsequent steps of the transboundary environmental assessment procedure were. If it was not notified, whether it considers Germany as a potentially affected Party with respect to the planned activity;
- (b) If it considers that it could be potentially affected but no notification took place, please indicate whether the Government of Germany intends to make use of the mechanism provided for in article 3, paragraph 7, of the Convention.

You are kindly requested to provide the required information to the Committee by **15 February 2019**. The Committee will continue consideration of the matter at its forty-fourth session (Geneva, 12 to 15 March 2019).

Yours sincerely,



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