## IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

## CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Dear Ms. Golic,

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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 from Ekotim (Bosnia and Herzegovina) of 14 April 2017 concerning the planned construction by Bosnia and Herzegovina of a thermal power plant in Banovici, approximately 50 kilometres from the borders of Croatia and Serbia.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to invite the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide the Committee with the information and clarifications concerning the following:

- (a) The planned activity, including its exact location (illustrating the location of the planned activity on a map and showing the distances from the borders with the neighbouring countries) and the characteristics and the current status of the activity, i.e. whether the construction was being planned or under way;
- (b) Whether the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina considers that a significant adverse transboundary impact in respect of the proposed activity is likely on the territory of Croatia and Serbia, providing a justification its conclusion, including excerpts from relevant studies;
- (c) Environmental impact assessment procedure for the planned activity, including on whether the potentially affected countries had been notified in accordance with article 3 paragraph 1 of the Convention. If so, please also provide copies of the notifications and the responses from the potentially affected countries, if any received.

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).

Chair, Implementation Committee,

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Yours sincerely,

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

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