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Ref. SEA/IC/CI/1: Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the Period up to 2025 with Projections up to 2030 and the Strategy's implementation Programme for the Period 2017–2023

26 November 2020

Dear Mr. Tosovic,

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).

First of all let me express the Committee's appreciation for the participation of the delegation of Serbia in the discussions with the Committee concerning the Committee initiative SEA/IC/CI/1 on the Energy sector development strategy of Serbia for the period up to 2025 with projections up to 2030 (the Energy Strategy) and the Strategy's implementation programme for the period 2017-2023 (the Strategy's Implementation Programme), held in line with paragraph 9 of its structure and functions on 10 November 2020.

The Committee noted, that in addition to the written responses of 24 June 2020 to the Committee's questions of 17 April 2020, the delegation of Serbia during the meeting provided further clarification about the preparation and adoption, in 2015, of the Energy Strategy and, in 2017, its Implementation Programme 2017-2023; the related transboundary consultations under article 10 of the Protocol; and the steps taken by it to inform the affected Parties participating in those procedures about the final decision as set out in article 11 of the Protocol. The Committee also noted the information from Serbia that, in the near future, it had been intending to prepare a new Energy Strategy.

The Committee considered that to proceed with drafting its finding and recommendations it needed additional information from Serbia and from Croatia, Hungary and Romania.

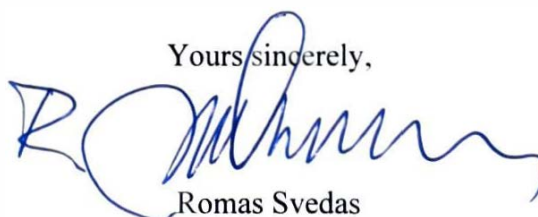
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At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to invite the Government of Serbia to provide the Committee with the following information and clarifications:

- (a) Information about the new Energy Strategy, including:
 - i. The expected content of the new Strategy, and, in particular, whether it will set the framework for the future development consent for projects listed in Annex I to the Protocol;
 - ii. A relationship between the new Strategy and the Energy sector development strategy of Serbia for the period up to 2025 with projections up to 2030 and its 2017–2023 Implementation Programme;
- (b) Information about the new Strategy's preparation process, including plans to carry out a related strategic environmental assessment procedure. Please also indicate, whether the Government of Serbia intends to notify the affected Parties in accordance with article 10 of the Protocol:
 - i. If so, please provide a list of affected Parties to be notified;
 - ii. If not, please provide a justification for such a conclusion.

You are kindly invited to provide the requested information in English through the secretariat **by no later than 12 January 2021** for the Committee to consider at its next session (Geneva, 2-5 February 2021).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Romas Svedas', with a large, stylized initial 'R' on the left.

Romas Svedas
Chair of the Implementation Committee