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- To: Mr. Joe Ducombe
Chair of the Implementation Committee, Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context/Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Cc: Ms. Elena Santer, Secretary to the Implementation Committee, Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context/Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Ref: SEA/IC/CI/1: Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the period up to 2025 with the projection up to 2030 and the Strategy's Implementation Programme for the period 2017-2030

Dear Chair,

Having considered the information provided in your letter SEA/IC/CI/1 from 3rd of November 2021 and taking into consideration the Implementation Committee's (I.C.) report on its fifty-first session (4-7 October 2021) concerning the Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the period up to 2025 with the projection up to 2030 and the Strategy's Implementation Programme for the period 2017-2030, we would like to clarify some aspects on the draft findings and recommendations of the I.C.:

As you know, Romania had not received the notification concerning the Energy Sector Development Strategy that Serbian Party had carried out in November 2013 and adopted on December 2015.

Regarding section I point 7 as well as section II point 33, Romania received the notification for the Strategy's Implementation Programme (prepared in 2017), the Report on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Implementation Program and the draft Energy Strategy's Implementation Program, by Serbian's letter dated 24th of July 2017 (submitted through the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia on 2nd of August 2017). In this respect, we would like to provide you with a copy of the letter mentioned no.421/2017.

Regarding the section II point C. Affected Party views on the reopening of the transboundary consultation concerning the Energy Strategy for the period 2017 up to 2023 and its Implementation Programme, we would like to inform you that Romanian Party consider that there is no need for reopening the transboundary procedure under the article 10 of the SEA Protocol regarding the Strategy, since the Strategy has been adopted and its measures have been implemented. However, during the implementation of the Strategy and the Programme, Romania wishes to be officially notified by Serbia on the projects with likely significant adverse transboundary impacts on the territory of Romania, in accordance with Article 3 (1) of the Espoo Convention.

Until this date Romania has not received any data from Republic of Serbia and we don't have any new update information compared to those reported in our previous letter to the Implementation Committee from 12th of January 2021. Romania, has not been informed by Serbia

about the adoption of the Energy Strategy Implementation Programme, further to article 11 (2) of the Protocol and Serbia did not provided the adopted documents, together with the statement summarizing how the environment, including health, consideration have been integrated and how the comments received in accordance with article 8 and 10 have been taken into account and the reason for adopting in the light of the reasonable alternatives considered.

Supplementary, Romania reaffirms our willingness to participate in the transboundary procedure regarding the new Energy Strategy that Serbia had informed the Implementation Committee by its letter dated 30th of March 2021 and expect an official notification from the Serbian Party.

Please accept, Mr. Chair, the assurance of my highest consideration.

State Secretary

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