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To: Mr. Romas Svedas
Chair, 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 Projections up to 2030 and the Strategy's implementation Programme for the Period 2017-2023

Dear Chair,

Having considered the information provided in your letter SEA/IC/CI/1 from 26 November 2020 regarding the Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic 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 Implementation Programme), we would like to inform you the following aspects related to the transboundary consultations under the SEA Protocol:

On 2nd of August 2017, Republic of Serbia submitted to Romania: the notification, the Report on Strategic Environmental Assessment Implementation Program of the Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia by 2025 with Projections until 2030, for the period 2017-2023 as well as the Implementation Programme of the Energy Sector Development Strategy, in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the SEA Protocol.

On 28th of August 2017, Romania transmitted its official response to the notification in which informed Republic of Serbia about our intention to participate in the SEA procedure, in accordance with article 10 paragraph 3 of the SEA Protocol, and informed Serbian Party that the documentation received was posted on the website of the Romanian Ministry of Environment in order to ensure early, timely and effective opportunities for public participation.

In 15th of September 2017, Romania submitted to Serbian Party, comments and proposals made by our concerned authorities and public regarding the documents: Implementation Program of the Energy Strategy of the Republic of Serbia 2017-2023 and Environmental Report for the Program of Implementation of the Energy Strategy of the Republic of Serbia 2017-2023.

On 2nd of November 2017, the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia transmitted response of our comments and questions regarding Program of the Energy Sector Development Strategy and the Report on the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia by 2025 with Projection until 2030, for the period 2017-2023, comments which have been accepted or partially accepted by the Serbian Party.

Until this date Romania has not received the Energy Strategy adopted and it's Implementation Programme, according to article 11 of the SEA Protocol.

Currently, Romania is waiting from Republic of Serbia to provide the final decision, as set out in article 11 of the Protocol, along with a statement summarizing how the environmental, 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 reasons for adopting in the light of the reasonable alternatives considered.

Regarding the Committee notes about the information from Serbia that it had been intending to prepare a new Energy Strategy in the near future, we would like to inform you that Romania is willing to participate in the SEA procedure for the new Strategy.

We hope that the present letter provided to the Implementation Committee, will assist the Committee's consideration on this matter at its next session in February 2021.

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

General Secretary

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