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Ref. Sixth Review of Implementation of the Convention

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Dear Mr. Kündig,

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 fifty-fourth session, held in Geneva from 4 to 7 October 2022, the Committee examined the reply from Switzerland received on 14 June 2022 in response to the Committee's letter of 14 April 2022 requesting further clarifications regarding the questionnaire of the Sixth Review of Implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2020/8) returned by Switzerland.

At the request of the Committee, I am writing to express the Committee's thanks for your clarification and to inform the Government of Switzerland that the Committee was satisfied with the information provided.

The Committee also requests your agreement that the correspondence between the Committee and your Government be placed on the Convention's website as illustration of the Committee's approach to a specific compliance issue and of a proper and sufficient response from a Party to address the issue. If there is no reply to this request by **30 November 2022**, the Committee would understand that you agree with publication.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Implementation Committee

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