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Dear Mr. Simas,

I am writing to you in connection with the obligation of Portugal to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, in accordance with its article 7.

As indicated in my letter of 19 December 2014, at its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 24–25 March 2015), the Protocol's Compliance Committee considered whether Portugal had failed to comply with article 7 of the Protocol. As a result of that consideration, the Committee prepared the enclosed draft findings and recommendations and requested the secretariat to forward them for comments to the focal point of the Party concerned. The draft findings are subsequently to be made publicly available, including for comments.

I invite your country to submit any comments to the draft findings and recommendations to the joint secretariat within the deadline of 15 May 2015.

Looking forward to your response, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Bonvoisin".

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Enc: Draft findings and recommendations with regard to the case initiated by the Committee ECE/MP/WH/CC/CI/1 concerning compliance by Portugal

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