IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENȚAL ASSESSMENT

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Ref. Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention

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Dear Mr. Ducomble,

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 forty-forth session, held in Geneva from 12 to 15 March 2019, the Committee considered the general and specific compliance issues identified in the Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/9), based on questionnaires returned by Parties.

The Committee noted that in its response to question I.17 of the questionnaire Malta stated that when acting as a Party of origin, it did not have specific mechanisms to ensure that environmental impact assessment documentation was of sufficient quality.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to ask the Government of Malta to provide clarifications on how article 4 (1) was implemented within the country's national legal and administrative frameworks.

Mr. Alex Camilleri Focal Point for Administrative Matters regarding the Espoo Convention Malta's Environment and Resources Authority Marsa, Malta You are kindly invited to provide the requested information through the secretariat by **1 June 2019** to enable the Committee to continue its consideration of the matter at its forty-fifth session (Geneva, 10–13 September 2019).

Yours sincerely,

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