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CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Dear Ms. Măcelaru,

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 thirty-second session, held in Geneva from 9 to 11 December 2014, the Committee considered the information it had gathered further to the information provided by Bankwatch Romania Association concerning the planned construction of a lignite power plant in North-East Serbia, by the River Danube, close to the border with Romania.

Following the discussions at the Committee I would like to ask you to address the following:

- a) Whether Romania considers that it would be affected by a significant adverse transboundary impact of the proposed activity and therefore whether it intends to participate in the respective transboundary EIA procedure;
- b) If so, whether Romania has used the mechanism provided for in article 3, paragraph 7, of the Espoo Convention;

You are kindly requested to provide the information to the secretariat in English by no later than **2 March 2015**, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

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