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Dear Mr Tarasenko,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991).

As you are aware, on 20 April 2011, a Ukrainian non-governmental organization (NGO), Ecoclub, provided information to the Implementation Committee regarding the planned extension of the lifetime of two nuclear reactors of the Rivne nuclear power plant (NPP) in Ukraine. At its twenty-first session (20 June 2011), the Committee began its consideration of the information provided and continued its information gathering until its twenty-seventh meeting (12-14 March 2013), when the Committee decided to begin a Committee initiative further to paragraph 6 of the Committee's structure and functions. A meeting of the Committee was held with representative of the Government of Ukraine on 11 September 2013. The Committee subsequently prepared the attached draft findings and recommendations, which should not be publicly available at this stage.

You may also recall that the Meeting of the Parties has decided that "the Committee shall decide on the content of any report or recommendations by consensus, send a copy of the draft report or recommendations to the Parties concerned, and shall take into account any representations from such Parties in the finalization of the report" (para. 9 of the Committee's structure and functions and the procedures for the review of compliance, as included in the appendix to decision III/2). In accordance with this provision, you are invited to submit to the secretariat by **14 February 2014** at the latest your comments or representations.

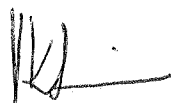
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The Implementation Committee will consider these comments or representations before finalizing its findings and recommendations at its thirtieth session (25–27 February 2014).

Once finalized, the Committee's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, which is expected to be held in June 2014, for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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