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The Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Serbia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Directorate for Protocol and has the honour to inform on the following:

The Romanian side took note of the information regarding the intention of the competent authorities of the Republic of Serbia to start the construction of a new production unit (Block 3) within the thermoelectric plant Kostolac B, by the end of 2014. Further to the above, the data provided on the website of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Serbia envisage the Serbian authorities' intention to modernize the production unit 1 of the thermoelectric plant Kostolac.

Taking into consideration the geographical proximity of the above mentioned power-plant with the border of Romania, and the fact that the modernization and construction of a new production unit might have a significant impact on the environment on the territory of Romania, the Romanian side would like to kindly ask for additional information on the intentions of Serbian side on this matter.

In reference to the above, the Embassy would like to kindly inform the esteemed Ministry that in case the Serbian authorities intend to proceed with major modification of the

Kostolac thermoelectric plant, the Romanian side would like to participate in the procedure assessing the transboundary impact on the environment, in accordance with the *Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)*.

The esteemed Ministry is kindly asked to inform the Embassy, at its earliest convenience, on the current situation and the intentions of the Serbian side regarding the thermoelectric plant Kostolac B.

The Embassy of Romania in Belgrade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Directorate for Protocol, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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