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To: **Mr. Romas Svedas**

Chair of the Implementation Committee of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

Ref: Follow -up with decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (EIA/IC/S/1 Bystroe Canal Project)

Dear Chair,

Following your letter of 20 December 2017, I have the pleasure to send you attached the relevant excerpts from the two reports of the Danube Commission's working groups, to which I had made reference in my previous letter. I am also attaching the informal English translation of the relevant paragraphs.

I also use this opportunity to inform you that on 9 February 2018, Ukraine finally updated us on the status of the draft bilateral agreement BETWEEN Ukraine and Romania on the implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. According to their letter, which I am also attaching, the Ukrainian authorities need to harmonize the draft agreement with the provisions of the new Ukrainian Law on Environmental Impact Assessment.

We hope that this process will be shortened and kindly ask the Committee to encourage Ukraine to accelerate their analysis of the draft agreement.

Please accept, Chair, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Report on the outcomes of the river engineering expert group meeting

... 9. The Ukrainian delegation informed that the Ukrainian authorities were taking permanent measures for the maintenance of navigability of the deep waterway 'Danube-Black Sea' on the Kilia arm, as well as for the implementation of decisions of Parties to the Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context (Espoo Convention).

In order to regulate the issue of resuming the project of the deep waterway, the process of preparing amendments to the working project 'the building of a deep waterway Danube-Black Sea in the Ukrainian section of the Delta. Complete development' has been launched.

As regards the maintenance of depths in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube (performance of essential measures in the critical points of the fairway within the framework of the technical service), the Ukrainian party informed that such works were also provided for in the project. ...

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Report on the outcomes of the technical working group meeting

... 51. The Ukrainian delegation noted that throughout 2017, Ukraine performed permanent measures aimed at maintaining depths on the Ukrainian sector of the Danube, particularly works for deepening the use of marine approach channel Danube-Black Sea. Appropriate depths are ensured for the transit of vessels in silting areas. In addition, as mentioned in the course of the previous river engineering expert group meeting, the process of preparing amendments to the project 'the building of a deep waterway Danube-Black Sea' had been launched. The said project illustrates the implementation by Ukraine of the 'Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance - Danube and its navigable tributaries', the national roadmaps and the EU programmes for the development of the Danube region. ...