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Subject: Official notification according to the SEA Protocol in a Transboundary Context "National Programme of Hungary on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste"

## Dear Ms MOCANU,

In the framework of the provisions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary context (hereinafter referred to as SEA Protocol) as well as that of the Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (hereinafter referred to as SEA Directive) Romania is officially notified hereby that pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 of the Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM of 19 July 2011 establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste, a National Programme for the Management of Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste (hereinafter referred to as National Programme) is being elaborated in Hungary.

Since the National Programme is subject to both the SEA Protocol and the SEA Directive, it is mandatory to carry out an SEA procedure.

The reason you receive this official notification is that Hungary complying with the international legal provisions ensures all neighbouring countries the right to participate in the transboundary SEA procedure of the National Programme.

Based on provisions of the Article 10 Paragraph 2 of the SEA Protocol, as well as stipulations of Article 7 paragraphs 1. of the SEA Directive, please kindly find attached the electronic version of the documentation, i.e. Environmental Report of the National Programme burnt on CD.

Executive Summary of the National Programme is found in Chapter 8.1 of the Environmental Report.

Please, note that the entire Environmental Report is available in English, in Hungarian and in Romanian languages, and can be found on the official website of the Hungarian Government on the following link: <a href="http://www.kormany.hu/hu/foldmuvelesugyi-miniszterium/hirek/strategiai-kornyezeti-vizsgalati-ugyek">http://www.kormany.hu/hu/foldmuvelesugyi-miniszterium/hirek/strategiai-kornyezeti-vizsgalati-ugyek</a>

In order to ensure compliance with the provision of Article 10 of the SEA Protocol, and that of Article 7 of the SEA Directive, please make available the entire documentation uploaded to the referred web site above for the concerned public in your country. According to the Hungarian national legislation *Governmental Decree No. 2/2005. (I. 11.) on environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes*, the attached documentation is announced to the competent regional environmental authority's website for 30 days in order to make it available to the public and environmental NGOs for providing comments. Please, provide the same time period for commenting for your public and co-authorities in your country, too.

Please note that by sending electronic letter of the notification and its annex via e-mail to the inbox of the national points of contacts for notification as well as for administration matters published on the website of the UNECE (<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/points\_of\_contact.html">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/points\_of\_contact.html</a>), Hungary considers the transboundary consultation officially opened.

Please indicate in your reply whether **Romania** intends to participate in the transboundary consultations of the SEA procedure of the above mentioned National Programme.

In the this case, taking into account that (1) all documents, which are required by the legal stipulations to be provided for commenting with the official notification of the SEA procedure in transboundary context are available in full length in your own national language, as well as, (2) sending notification letter and its annex electronically to the national contact points to the SEA Protocol is concerned official delivery, the electronic version of the official standpoint and evaluation on the content of the Environmental Report of your country is expected to be received in 50 days, by 26 April, 2016, at the latest.

In the case you prefer sending your comments via post, please, be sure your letter is delivered in due time, well before the set deadline.

Please, note the consequence of not receiving any reply from your side by 26 April, 2016, is that your country cannot participate in the transboundary consultation of this National Programme.

## All correspondence in this regard should be arranged via

• the Hungarian coordinator of the SEA Protocol (Zsuzsanna Pocsai, PhD, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Preservation; H-1055 Budapest, Kossuth tér 11; e-mail address: zsuzsanna.pocsai@fm.gov.hu),

## and the same time please send

 a carbon-copy (cc.) of your response to the official e-mail address created for coordinating transboundary SEA cases in Hungary to ensure the smooth and effective communication (skv@fm.gov.hu).

Should you encounter any difficulties regarding this procedure, please, do not hesitate to contact any of the above ways.

Your kind co-operation is highly appreciated.

## Annex:

 Electronic version of the Environmental Report of the National Programme of Hungary on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste including the Executive Summary of the National Programme burnt on CD

Sincerely yours,

to the Espoo Convention

Dr Bálint Dobi Hungarian focal point