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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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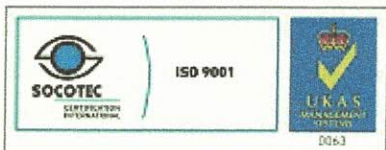
Subject: Notification under the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context of the Project on “Increasing the share of electricity generation from renewable sources by completing the works and ensuring permanent monitoring of the environmental impact at Cerna-Motru-Tismana Hydrotechnical an Energy Complex, Second Stage”, Romania

Dear Minister FECHET,

Hereby, I would like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter № DGEICPSC/R/7686 dated 6 April 2023 and your letter of August 2023 (received by e-mail only) with attached Notification under Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the Espoo Convention) for Project on “Increasing the share of electricity generation from renewable sources by completing the works and ensuring permanent monitoring of the environmental impact at Cerna-Motru-Tismana Hydrotechnical an Energy Complex, Second Stage, Romania.

We would like to express our gratitude for your notification under the Espoo Convention of the above project and we highly appreciate the re-sending the notification and the extended deadline for expressing our official statement on Bulgaria's participation in the EIA transboundary procedure EIA for it until 5 September 2023.

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After careful consideration of the provided information in the notification of the project and consultations with the competent authorities in our country, it was concluded that given the nature of the project activities (completion of already built projects) and the remoteness of the project location (approximately 165 km from the Bulgarian border), there is no possibility of a transboundary environmental impact on Bulgaria, including a significant impact on the Danube Water Body, shared by Bulgaria and Romania, nor a health risk for the Bulgarian population from the Project on "Increasing the share of electricity generation from renewable sources by completing the works and ensuring permanent monitoring of the environmental impact at Cerna-Motru-Tismana Hydrotechnical an Energy Complex, Second Stage", Romania

In view of the above, we would like to inform you that the Republic of Bulgaria does not intend to participate as an affected party in the transboundary EIA procedure for the project "Increasing the share of electricity generation from renewable sources through the completion of works and ensuring continuous monitoring of the environmental impact at the Cerna-Motru-Tismana Hydraulic and Energy Complex, second stage, in Romania".

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the expression of my highest consideration and readiness for successful future cooperation.

Sincerely,

Julian Popov
Minister of Environment and Water