



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

VICE PRIME MINISTER CABINET, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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To: **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER OF BULGARIA**

Mr. NENO DIMOV, Minister

Ms. Silviya Dimitrova, Focal Point in Bulgaria for the Espoo Convention

Ref: The project "The development of the Argeş and Dâmbovița rivers for navigation and other uses"

Dear Minister,

The Romanian Ministry of Environment presents its compliments to the Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria and has the honor to thank for the previous cooperation between our countries, and looks forward to strengthening joint efforts in the field of environmental protection.

Regarding the procedure for environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for the project "The development of the Argeş and Dâmbovița rivers for navigation and other uses", we would like to inform you that the National Environmental Protection Agency has taken the decision to reject the application for the environmental agreement for this project, due the fact that the environmental impact report as well the other documents has not been submitted within two years from the date of the request, according with the provision of Order no.135/2010 for approving the Methodology to apply the environmental impact assessment for public and private projects. The issuing of the environmental agreement it will be done with the recommencing of the whole procedure.

I am taking this opportunity to express our readiness to continue our fruitful cooperation and please accept, Ms. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

**VICE PRIME MINISTER
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