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**SUBJECT: Application of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context to the Framework Plan and Programme of Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons in the Adriatic**

We would like to inform you that in Croatia the Plan and Programme for Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons in the Adriatic is under preparation.

In accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context please find enclosed the documentation of the proposed Plan and Programme for Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons in the Adriatic and the Non-technical Summary in Italian and Strategic Study on the impact of this Plan on the environment in English. The Strategic Study is also available at the web site of Croatian Hydrocarbon Agency (<http://www.azu.hr/en-us/>).

We deem that 60 days is a reasonable time limit for fulfilling the provisions under Article 9 and 10 of the Protocol, related to consultations with bodies competent for environment and health and ensuring participation of the interested public in Italy, and therefore kindly ask that you deliver to us, at the latest by 4 May 2015, the final opinion on the submitted documentation.

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