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**Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant
development on the Neretva River (Bosnia &
Herzegovina)**

- COMPLAINANT REPORT -

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SUBJECT: 7th Update report on Open File: 2020/9, Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Neretva River (BaH)

Dear Mr. POUTIERS,
Dear Mr. HORY,
Dear Ms. MEDLINSKA,
Dear Ms. BUJAROSKA,

Hereby we are submitting our seventh update report regarding the case file No. 2020/9 (Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Neretva River, BaH).

Please be informed that there was no further progress in implementation of the Recommendations No. 217 (2022).

All inputs presented on the 44th Standing Committee Meeting in December 2024 are still relevant and, so far, there was no movement afterwards.

We would, however, like to use this opportunity to recall the Standing Committee's decision from 6th December 2024 on accepting the proposal to have a **coordination meeting with the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to discuss the implementation of the Recommendation No. 217 (2022)**.

A joint meeting would benefit all parties and hopefully would facilitate some movement after the Recommendations have been adopted and sent to relevant authorities in 2022. Therefore, we thank the Standing Committee for acceptance of this proposal, and we kindly ask the Bureau to take steps necessary to have this meeting as soon as possible.

In that regard, we would appreciate more information on when the meeting could take place, and what form of meeting is envisaged.

Of course, if possible, we would strongly recommend having an in-person meeting in Banja Luka and/or Sarajevo. In case this is not possible, an on-line meeting would also be acceptable.

Please let us know if any facilitation in that regard is required, as we might be able to provide some assistance.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

President



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