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REGARDING INFORMATION CONCERNING VISAGINAS NUCLEAR POWER **PLANT**

Dear Ms. Vesna Kolar-Planinšič, Dear Ms. Tea Aulavuo,

In addition to the letter No. (10-3)-D8-2851 dated 11 April 2014, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania appreciates the clarifications received from the Secretariat to the Espoo Convention regarding the publication of correspondence between the Implementation Committee and Lithuania related to the submission by the NGO Ecological Initiative on Visaginas NPP.

Lithuania fully shares the view that openness and transparency are the core principles of the Espoo Convention. In this regard, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania agrees that the below mentioned letters be made available to the public as an illustration of the Committee's approach to information gathering and of a proper and sufficient response from a Party to address the issue:

- 13 May 2013 No. (10-3)-D8-4007;
- 20 November 2013 No. (10-3)-D8-9851:
- 31 January 2014 No. (10-3)-D8-787.

Yours sincerely,

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