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Dear Mr Kulik,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991).

At its twenty-eighth session, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 September 2013, the Committee continued to consider the information provided by a non-governmental organization of Belarus regarding the planned operation of the Visaginas nuclear power station and related facilities Lithuania, close to the border with Belarus. Further clarification had been sought by the NGO and Lithuania. The Committee then considered the information from the Government of Lithuania of 13 May 2013, in response to the Committee's letter of 22 March 2013, and the information received from the NGO on 7 June 2013, in response to the Committee's letter of 25 March 2013.

The Committee agreed that it would continue its consideration of the matter at its next meeting. At the request of the Committee, I invite you to provide the following further clarifications/information in English.

- (i) As regards the Visaginas Lithuanian NPP, when did you ask to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure?
- (ii) How did you ensure that the Belarus public was informed and could participate in the EIA procedure? Please provide details.

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(iii) Were there public hearings about that project in Belarus? When and where? How and by what means was the Belarus public, including the Belarus NGOs, informed? Can you provide evidence of the public notice?

(iv) Were you informed of the public hearings in Lithuania about that project, and if yes, when and how? Did you participate? How did you inform the Belarus public about the hearing in Lithuania?

(v) When did you receive the final decision from Lithuania on the proposed activity, including the reasons and considerations upon which it was based?

You are kindly requested to provide the information to the secretariat by no later than 20 November 2013, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely,



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