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Dear Mr. Simpson,

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 thirty-first session, held in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 2014, the Committee continued its consideration of the information it gathered on its initiative on the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the planned construction of the Hinkley Point C NPP (EIA/IC/CI/5). The Committee also reviewed the additional information provided by the United Kingdom on 19 June and 20 August 2014.

In the light of all information received, the Committee agreed not to discuss the issue with the United Kingdom at its thirty-second session (9–11 December 2014). I apologize for any inconvenience, which may be caused by this decision.

The Committee also agreed to forward to the United Kingdom the information gathered (enclosed). You are now invited (a) to comment on that information; and (b) to further elaborate on the transboundary procedures concerning the adoption of the nuclear National Policy Statement.

On the basis of the information received, at its next session the Committee will decide whether a new discussion will need to be scheduled in 2015 or whether the Committee will proceed with drafting findings and recommendations in closed session. However, you are invited to comment on this approach and to indicate whether the United Kingdom wishes to avail of its right to participate in a discussion with the Committee and present information and opinions on the matter. In that case, please specify the points that in your view will have to be discussed with the Committee.

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You are kindly requested to send your response to the secretariat by no later than **21 November 2014**, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely,



Felix Zaharia
Chair, Implementation Committee,
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in a Transboundary Context

Enclosures:

- (1) Information provided by a German member of the parliament (MP) on 12 March 2013 (including four annexes) and additional information (22 March 2013) (total 6 documents);
- (2) Information provided by Friends of the Irish Environment (27 March 2013);
- (3) Letters from the Implementation Committee to Austria, Germany and Ireland (14 October 2013) (total of 3 documents);
- (4) Letters from Austria (letter and annex, total of 2 documents, 28 October 2013), Germany (31 October 2013) and Ireland (22 November 2013);
- (5) Additional information from the German MP (9 December 2013);
- (6) Letters from the Implementation Committee to Belgium, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Spain (17 December 2013) (total of 7 documents);
- (7) Letters from the Netherlands (23 January 2014), Belgium (28 January 2014), Norway (5 February 2014), Spain (13 February 2014) and France (27 February 2014) (*Denmark and Portugal did not provide a response*).