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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) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

As you are aware, on 12 and 22 March 2013, a member of the German Parliament provided information to the Implementation Committee regarding the planned construction by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of a nuclear power plant in Hinkley Point C. At its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 10–12 September 2013), the Committee began its consideration of the information provided (information gathering case with symbol EIA/IC/INFO/12) until its thirtieth session (Geneva, 25–27 February 2014), when the Committee decided to begin a Committee initiative further to paragraph 6 of the Committee's Structure and functions. A meeting of the Committee was held with representatives of the United Kingdom on 18 March 2015. The Committee subsequently prepared the attached draft findings and recommendations, which should not be publicly available at this stage.

You may also recall that the Meeting of the Parties has decided that "the Committee shall decide on the content of any report or recommendations by consensus, send a copy of the draft report or recommendations to the Parties concerned, and shall take into account any representations from such Parties in the finalization of the report" (para. 9 of the Committee's structure and functions and the procedures for the review of compliance, as included in the appendix to decision III/2). In accordance with this provision, you are invited to submit to the secretariat by **11 March 2016** at the latest your comments or representations.

The Implementation Committee will consider these comments or representations before finalizing its findings and recommendations at its thirty-fifth session (15–17 March 2016).

Once finalized, the Committee's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, which is expected to be held in June 2017, for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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