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sessment in a Transboundary Context
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tee initiative concerning the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland (EIA/IC/CI/5)**

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Dear Mr. Scott,

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 December 2016 seeking our opinion with regard to recommendations of the Espoo Implementation Committee with regard to the transboundary EIA for Hinkley Point C (EIA/IC/CI/5). We appreciate the collaborative approach and the compliance of the recommendations. We also appreciate that the United Kingdom has decided to notify the Parties to the Espoo Conventions broadly when applications for new nuclear power plants are received, irrespective of any assessment of the likelihood of significant adverse transboundary impacts. After consultation with the competent German authorities we consider a notification at the current stage of the development of Hinkley Point C as useful.



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The planned construction of a new nuclear power plant in the United Kingdom is seen very often critically in Germany. In the aftermath of the accident in Fukushima in 2011 Germany had decided to phase out nuclear power by 2022. Against this background in particular the German public is very critical about nuclear power plants in the vicinity of Germany.

Even if the development consent has already been granted, it seems useful for the United Kingdom to submit information on the planned activity including all information on possible transboundary impact and on the environmental impact assessment. Also, it appears useful to give the opportunity to the authorities and the public of other Parties to the Convention to comment on the project.

Since there will still be, for instance, licenses for modifications for this project, we believe that comments and indications might still prove useful and can still be taken into account.

Furthermore we refer to the ongoing compliance cases ACCC/C/2013/91 and especially ACCC/C/2013/92 before the Compliance Committee of the UN ECE Aarhus Convention. Bearing the state of play in mind a notification on Hinkley Point C might contribute to a common solution.

We apologize for the delay in replying and any inconvenience caused by this.

Yours sincerely

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