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Dear ██████████,

ESPOO IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: HINKLEY POINT C AND TRANSBOUNDARY CONSULTATION

Thank you for your informative and constructive engagement on Espoo matters regarding Hinkley Point C. This letter sets out the United Kingdom's proposed process for further engagement, reflecting points made in our meeting of 9 May 2017 and wider discussions that have taken place with other interested parties and in EU fora.

The United Kingdom is committed to continued further engagement on Hinkley Point C as discussed in our meeting and as was recognised at the recent 7th Meeting of the Parties in Minsk. In light of this, we propose sharing with you the environmental information on Hinkley Point C as set out in Annex A, some of which has been developed since the original planning decision¹ of 19 March 2013 in order to give you a more current information picture.

This is without prejudice to the fact that the proposed recommendations in relation to Hinkley Point C of the Espoo Convention Implementation Committee put to the 7th Meeting of the Parties were not endorsed along with other matters in draft Decision VII/2 on compliance. As you are aware, the United Kingdom maintains that it did not breach the Espoo Convention in respect of the initial planning process for Hinkley Point C, but recognise the value of constructive engagement and it is in this spirit we are sending this letter.

We wish to give you an opportunity to comment on the current environmental information in relation to potential transboundary impacts. The link to the non-technical summary for the project Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") is included within Annex A in order to assist with your assessment. So that you have ample opportunity to consult within your country, and to engage with other levels of your local or regional government as you deem appropriate, we kindly request that you make any submissions or comments within 12 weeks from the date of this letter that is, by **20 October 2017** to beiseip@beis.gov.uk.

We will then consider the responses received and will publish a summary of those responses and the United Kingdom's response to any substantial issues raised and we will share this with you. If likely significant adverse transboundary effects are identified on the basis of scientific evidence by way of this process, then we will look at how the regulatory regime might address any identified effects.

If a material change to the existing Hinkley Point C development consent¹ is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, we will again consider whether there are likely transboundary effects and inform you of the application even if we do not consider there are any likely significant adverse effects, in line with our general understanding of the Espoo Convention obligations.

Finally, as you are aware the Planning Inspectorate has written separately to your Espoo Focal Point regarding the proposed application for development consent for a new nuclear power station at Wylfa Newydd, Wales. At this stage, an application has not yet been submitted by the applicant and the Planning Inspectorate is unable to formally consult with you. Once an application is received and if the Planning Inspectorate accept it for examination, they will write again to formally consult with you. The application is currently anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate later this year².

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or [REDACTED] [@beis.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@beis.gov.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-c-new-nuclear-power-station/?ipcsection=docs&stage=6&filter1=Decision>

² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/wylfa-newydd-nuclear-power-station/?ipcsection=docs>