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United Nations Office at Geneva Implementation Committee, Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context Ms. Vesna Kolar Planinsic, chair CH - 1211 Genève 10 Zwitserland

Date 23 January 2014 Subject Reply on Letter to the Government of the Netherlands from the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention (EIA/IC/INFO/12 Hinkley Point C NPP)

Dear Ms. Kolar Planinsic,

In your letter from 17 December 2013 you invited the Netherlands to address the following question:

Could the Government of the Netherlands confirm that the proposed Nuclear Power Plant at Hinkley Point C in the United Kingdom is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impact on the territory of the Netherlands?

Unfortunately, I cannot give you the required confirmation on this question because I didn't receive any information about the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C, neither from the United Kingdom nor from the Implementation Committee.

In my opinion it would have been reasonable if the United Kingdom had informed the Netherlands and would have given insight in their conclusion that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point in the United Kingdom is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary effects on the territory of the Netherlands and would have offered the opportunity to participate in the public consultation process of the licensing procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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