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Subject: RE: HPRM: Correspondence regarding the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context ("the Espoo Convention")
Attachments: Antwoord op vraag Verenigde Naties Espoo inzake Hinkley Point C.PDF

Dear Giles,

Thanks for your letter by e-mail from 21 December 2016 regarding the findings of the UN-ECE Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention in respect of its initiative concerning the application for the development consent under the planning act 2008 for the nuclear power station known as Hinkley Point C in Somerset, UK.

The purpose of your letter is to seek our opinion in line with the recommendation (b) from the Implementation Committee whether we consider that notification under the Espoo Convention would be useful at the current stage for the development at Hinkley Point C.

Our opinion is that notification is still useful at the current stage for this proposed activity. Reasons are the same as we mentioned in our reply on the letter to the government of the Netherlands from the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention (EIA/IC/INFO/12 Hinkley Point C NPP), 22 January 2014 (see attachment). In our opinion it's still necessary that the United Kingdom gives the authorities and the public in the Netherlands insight in their conclusion that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C. in Somerset, UK is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary effects on the territory of the Netherlands, especially what may happen in case of a major accident or incident of the new nuclear power plant. We expect that the EIA-documentation will give good and complete information about this issue.

We appreciate that the United Kingdom will be notifying all Parties to the Espoo Convention, when new applications for development consent for new nuclear power stations are received, irrespective of any assessment of the likelihood of significant adverse transboundary impacts, as requested by the Implementation Committee.

Best regards,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter regarding the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context ("the Espoo Convention") and in particular the findings of the United Nations Economic Commission to Europe's Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention ("the Implementation Committee") in respect of its initiative concerning the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (EIA/IC/CI/5).

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