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Viite Hävvisning Your letter (ref EN010007-000819)

Ärende Asia Wylfa Newydd Generating Station -proposed nuclear power station at Wylfa, Angsley, North Wales, United Kingdom

The Ministry of Environment has received a letter dated 1 February 2017 from The Planning Inspectorate concerning a notification in relation to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for a proposed development of a new nuclear power station at Wylfa, Angsley, North Wales in the United Kingdom. The Ministry wishes to thank for the granted extension of dead line until March 24, 2017.

In your letter, you state that your Secretary of State has screened the proposed activity for likely significant adverse transboundary impacts on Finland and is of the view that the proposed development is not likely to have such impacts. In your letter you nevertheless offer the possibility for Finland to participate in the EIA procedure of the project.

According to the Espoo Convention the notification is sent if Party of origin is of the view that a proposed activity listed in Appendix I is likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact. In article 7 of the EIA directive also the affected Member State may request such information as included in the notification. The timing for notification is set to be as soon as possible and no later than when the Party of origin is informing its own public. Given the description of the notification in the Espoo Convention as well as in the EIA directive, Finland is interpreting your letter as an informative note and not as a notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention.

Finland thanks the United Kingdom of the provided information and states that it wishes to register as an interested party to follow the process. However we would like to stress the importance to include exceptional and serious accident situations into the EIA.

If in the later stages of the planning procedure you consider that likelihood exists that the proposed activity may cause a significant adverse transboundary impact on Finland, please provide us a notification. Finland politely would like to point out that it's interpretation of the Convention's provisions on ensuring equivalent opportunities to the public of the affected Party to participate in the EIA means that the relevant material must then be made available in Finnish for the Finnish-speaking public. In such a case, or any Espoo case between Finland and the United Kingdom, let us suggest that our points of contact of the Convention initiate discussions on how the practicalities

should be dealt with. Please note that Finland has two official languages and that the material must also be translated into Swedish. Therefore, we need sufficient time for translation unless this courtesy is provided by the Party of origin.

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