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In reference to the notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context regarding lifetime extension of Loviisa nuclear power plant

Environment State Bureau (hereinafter referred to as the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as EIA) in Latvia, thanks the Ministry of Environment of Finland for the notification sent concerning planned lifetime extension of Loviisa nuclear power plant.

According to article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) the Bureau herewith acknowledges the receipt of the notification.

Bureau has gathered opinions from the Ministry of Environment Protection and Regional Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Economics, Nature Protection Agency and Radiation Safety Centre of the State Environmental Service. The common opinion of interested parties is that Latvia is not likely to be directly and negatively influenced by the impact of the planned activity, if lifetime extension does not include significant changes of the operating conditions, for example, - increase of the operating capacity. The additional activities referred to in the notification (reception, treatment, storage and disposal of radioactive waste that are generated elsewhere in Finland) are not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary effects in the territory of Latvia, since these activities are planned in small amounts.

Therefore, the Bureau informs that Latvia will not participate in EIA as an affected party in accordance to Espoo Convention.

Nevertheless, we kindly ask the Ministry of Environment of Finland to keep us informed about the findings of transboundary impact assessment and the results of EIA.

Sincerely yours,

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