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Dear Ms Petek,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991).

At its twenty-eighth session, held in Geneva from 10-12 September 2013, the Committee considered the information received from a German member of the Parliament representing the Green Party expressing concerns regarding the planned construction of the nuclear power plant (NPP) Hinkley Point C by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and noting that the German Government had not been notified and the German public had not been consulted on the planned activity. Information on the same subject had also been submitted by an Irish NGO on 27 March 2013.

The Committee held preliminary discussions on the matter and agreed that it would continue its consideration of the matter at its next meeting. In the meantime, it decided to seek further clarification from the Governments of the United Kingdom, as well as of Austria, Germany and Ireland.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to request from Austria to address the following questions:

- (a) Does the Government of Austria consider that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C is likely to cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Austria?
- (b) Did the Government of Austria participate in the environmental impact assessment procedure for the proposed nuclear power plant at Hinkley Point C? Please provide details (dates of technical consultation and public participation) of the participation by Austria in the procedure.

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You are kindly invited to provide the information to the secretariat by 25 November 2013 for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'V' and 'K' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

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