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Dear Mr Svedas,

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2018 regarding the transboundary EIA procedure for the construction of a new nuclear power plant at Hinkley Point C in the United Kingdom.

Austria would like to refer to its response of 28 October 2013 to the letter of the Implementation Committee of 14 October 2013. This letter explains in detail why Austria considers itself potentially affected by the construction of Hinkley Point C. The attached letter further explains the steps of the transboundary EIA procedure carried out with the United Kingdom.

Please find also attached Austria's response of 13 March 2017 to the letter of the United Kingdom, dated 21 December 2016. Austria described also in this letter why it considers the activity at Hinkley Point C likely to cause a significant transboundary impact on the territory of Austria.

Austria finalized the transboundary EIA procedure with the United Kingdom by publishing the decision on the application for development consent for Hinkley Point C in Austria (March/April 2013). Austria acknowledges the efforts of the United Kingdom in applying the Espoo Convention but would also like to state that for future nuclear activities Austria expects to receive notifications in time so that transboundary EIA procedures can be carried out in line with the Espoo Convention.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Minister:  
Dr Ursula Platzer-Schneider

Electronically signed.

