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Dear Mr Auglys,

I am contacting you in your position as Focal Point to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context.

As you are aware, on 16 June 2011 the Government of Lithuania made a submission to the Committee expressing concerns about Belarusian's compliance with its obligations under the Convention with respect to the planned building of a nuclear power station at Ostravets. A meeting of the Committee was held with the two Parties concerned on 20 March 2012. The Committee subsequently prepared the attached draft findings and recommendations, which should not be publicly available at this stage.

You may also recall that the Meeting of the Parties has established that "the Committee shall decide on the content on any report or recommendations by consensus, send a copy of the draft report or recommendations to the Parties concerned, and shall take into account any representations from such Parties in the finalization of the report" (para. 9 of the Committee's structure and functions and the procedures for the review of compliance, as included in the appendix to decision III/2). In accordance with this provision, you are invited to submit your comments or representations to the Committee, through the secretariat, by 9 November 2012 at the latest.

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The Implementation Committee will consider these comments or representations before finalizing its findings and recommendations to be submitted for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its sixth session, which is scheduled to take place in May or June 2014.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials 'VK' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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