

In the letter dated 25.03.2013 № EIA/IC/INFO/10 (hereinafter – Letter) Compliance Committee asked to provide information on compliance of Espoo Convention requirements by Ukrainian party, in the decision-making process of further construction of Units № 3 and 4 of Khmel'nitska nuclear power plant. In this regard Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine the following information.

In 2010 Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources sent to the Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Slovak, Belorussia and Moldovan parties notification about further construction of Units № 3 and 4 of Khmel'nitska nuclear power plant.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Espoo Convention, State Enterprise “Energoatom” started the public procedure implementation under the Article 4 of the Espoo Convention in May 2011.

Subject to the letter of the State Enterprise “Energoatom” dated 19.02.2013 № 4102/46 Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine was provided the pursuant of the requirements following documents in English and Russian copies for its submission to affected countries:

Part 14. Assessment the Effects of Cross-border Transport in Normal and Emergency Modes;

Information and Analytical Survey of the materials “Khmel'nitska NPP. Technical and economic reasons for building Units 3 and 4”.

Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources sent to the Austrian, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Slovak, Belorussia and Moldovan parties materials through letters dated 06.04.2012 № 7123/10/10-12.

Verkhovna Rada adopted Law No.5217-VI “On Siting, Design and Construction of Units 3 and 4 of Khmel'nitska Nuclear Power Plant”.

Thus, once Law No 5217-VI has come into force, its provisions should be fulfilled, specifically, the requirement set forth in Article 1 Part 3 stating that designing and constructions of power unit shall be performed in a strict compliance with requirement of nuclear and radiological safety, civil protection, fire safety and industrial safety, as well as international agreements. This means that the Law

demands the international agreements including the Espoo Convention be fulfilled at both the designing and construction stages.

Starting 15.08.2013 there were received comments as to Assessment of environmental impact from Austrian, Polish, Romanian, Hungarian and Moldavian parties. Afterwards abovementioned comments were submitted to the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine and to the “Atomproektinzhynerinh” SE Energoatom.

Materials that contain answers on the requests of the parties concerned received from Energoatom through the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine with the letters dated 21.03.2013 were submitted to the Parties (copies were also sent on the e-mail addresses) together with invitations to participate in consultations under Article 5 of the Espoo Convention on May 13-24, 2013 through the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Additional explanation was provided with the letter dated 17.05.2013 No 8210/13/10-13 upon the request of the Hungarian party.

The letter dated 29.04.2013 with the proposal to postpone the date of consultation till the end of June was received from the Polish party.

Related request was sent from Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine to Energoatom. Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine refused to postpone consultations by the letter dated 15.05.2013 № 15/33-04/662, referring to the letter from Energoatom dated 15.05.2013 № 6654/46.

Request from the Belarusian party dated 24.04.2013 № 13-25/525 was received. Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine answered to it with the letter dated 22.05.2013 № 8430/13/10-13.