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NPP Khmel'nitsky, Austrian response to IC letter 24 12 2014

Dear Mr. Zaharia,

thank you for your letter of 24 December 2014 regarding the transboundary EIA procedure for the construction of units 3 and 4 of the nuclear power plant Khmel'nitsky in the Ukraine.

Austria would like to inform the Implementation Committee that no further progress has been made since the last steps mentioned in our previous letter of 3 February 2014 to the Implementation Committee (BMLFUW-UW.1.4.2/0007-V/1/2014).

On 12 March 2014 the Ukraine sent a link to a website which according to the Ukraine contains a report to inform the neighboring countries on the possible impacts of the construction of units 3 and 4 of the nuclear power plant Khmel'nitsky.

Austria asked on the following day (13 March 2014) for an English version of the report since the website is in Ukrainian. Furthermore, Austria repeated its request to submit the minutes of the consultations and the Ukrainian answers to the Austrian questions, which were not answered during the consultations as agreed in the consultations. In the consultations the Ukraine also promised to send an overview of the approval procedure relating the construction of units 3 and 4 and parts of the safety report.



Austria informed the Ukraine in the same mail that Austria sees the consultation procedure ongoing until the required documents have been received. This was already stated during the consultations. In addition, Austria reconfirmed that it is preparing a final technical statement which Austria expects to be considered in the final decision regarding the approval procedure for Khmelnitsky. Again, this was already mentioned in the consultations (see also our letter to the IC, BMLFUW.1.4.2/0064-V/1/2013)


The Ukraine answered per mail on 17 March 2014 that a CD with the minutes was sent on 22 November 2013. Austria responded on the same day per mail that the CD has not arrived until now. On 18 March 2014 the Ukraine provided a link which should – according to the Ukraine – contain the information which is on the CD. Austria responded on the same day that the information available on the link is in Ukrainian and no English version is available. The Ukraine responded that the documents exist only in Russian.

On 11 June 2014 Austria repeated its request regarding the missing documents per mail. Until now no CD has arrived and no documents are available in English although the Ukraine promised during the consultations to send in English the minutes, the answers of the Austrian questions which could not be dealt during the consultation, an overview of the legal framework for the approval procedure and parts of the safety report.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the Minister:
Dr Ursula Platzner-Schneider

Electronically signed.

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