

9th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA (Espoo Convention)

(Geneva, 24 – 26 August 2020)

Statements by the EU and its Member States

Agenda item 6): Compliance and implementation

Draft decision VIII/4c on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Belarusian nuclear power plant in Ostrovets

The EU and its Member States would like to present the following suggestion to be taken into account by the Implementation Committee:

To complement the para. 4:

“4. Reaffirms its decision IS/1d including paragraph 15 that Belarus failed to comply with certain provisions of the Convention and paragraph 16 that urges Belarus to apply the Convention in the future with regard to a proper evaluation of reasonable alternatives, and again encourages Belarus and Lithuania to comply with paragraphs 17-19 of that decision by the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties, with a view to

The reason behind this suggestion is that although the title of the draft decision refers to the compliance by Belarus, the text itself is suggesting that both countries are in non-compliance with its obligations under the Convention.