

## **DRAFT**

### **Agenda item 6 (e): Draft guidance on the applicability of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants**

#### General Remarks

The UK agrees that guidance is needed to assist both the Implementation Committee when considering compliance cases and also the Parties in their application of the Convention as it relates to lifetime extensions of nuclear power plants. The UK has supported the process of developing the guidance as a member of the ad hoc working group and as co-chair in line with the terms of reference adopted by the Working Group on EIA and SEA at its 7th meeting and decision IS/2 adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its Intermediary Session 2019.

As Co-Chairs we are grateful to the members of the ad hoc working group and to the German Co-Chair for their hard work and dedication in preparing this guidance and to the Secretariat for its valuable support, particularly given the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Content of the Draft

We recognise that there are still outstanding issues, including but not limited to those highlighted in the draft guidance. However, we are not providing any specific comments on these issues at this time and would instead propose that they continue to be discussed by the ad hoc working group.

#### Next Steps

The UK proposes to the Parties at the 9th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA that the ad hoc working group should be encouraged to continue its work in revising and finalising the guidance, taking account of the comments provided by Parties as well as comments and suggestions received in the context of that meeting. .

More time will be required to reach consensus. The UK proposes that in considering the forward process for submitting the guidance to the Meeting of the Parties the Working Group on EIA and SEA takes into account the timescales, the difficulty of holding physical meetings and the number of issues yet to be resolved by the ad hoc group