

SECOND MEETING OF THE ESPOO CONVENTION *AD HOC* WORKING GROUP ON LTE¹ OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Prepared by the European Commission in consultation with the Co-Chairs and the UNECE Secretariat

20-21 February 2018 | Brussels

The meeting was chaired by Christof Sangenstedt (DE) and Rory Wallace (UK) and attended by AT, BG, BY, CZ, ES, FI, FR, IT, LU, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SK, UKR; UNECE Espoo Convention secretariat, Chair of Espoo Implementation Committee (Romas Švedas, LT), Chair of Espoo WG on EIA and SEA (Vesna Kolar Planinšič, SI); European Commission (DG ENV. E.1 and DG ENER. D.1).

Through Decision VII/3-III/3 the Parties to the Espoo Convention decided to establish an *ad hoc* group that will develop terms of reference (ToR) for a possible guidance on addressing the applicability of the Convention with regard to decisions on the LTE of nuclear power plants.

As agreed at the first meeting of the *ad hoc* group (27-28 November 2017, Luxembourg), the second meeting addressed a draft ToR for a possible guidance on the applicability of the Espoo Convention to LTE. The draft ToR has been drafted in a form of a list of topics and points of discussion that should be reflected in a possible guidance. The draft ToR will be presented in the next Working Group on EIA and SEA meeting on 28-30 May 2018, in Geneva with the objective to provide an opportunity to the Parties to the Espoo Convention to discuss the draft ToR and agree on it.

The *ad hoc* group considered the proposal of the Bureau inviting the Working Group on EIA and SEA to extend its mandate and thus enable the former to prepare initial key guidance elements (a pre-guidance document) to be submitted to the “intermediary” session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention that will be held in Geneva, from 5 to 7 February 2019.

In addition to this, the *ad hoc* group discussed a proposal for organizing the workshop on the application of the Espoo Convention to LTE of NPPs. The workshop will take place during the next meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA. The workshop will be attended also by observers to the Convention, e.g. representatives of the civil society, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)’s Nuclear Energy Agency.

The agenda of the second meeting can be found in annex.

¹ lifetime extension.

Espoo Ad-Hoc Group on Life-time Extensions of Nuclear Power Plants

Meeting 20/21 February 2018

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Agenda

Tuesday 20 February

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| 11.00 – 11.30 | Welcome by DE/UK Co-Chairs to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any remarks from the hosts - UNECE and the European Commission• Objectives of the meeting |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Discussion on introductory sections of the draft terms of reference: Mandate, Background and State of Play |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Topic 1: Extension of a time limited license by a competent authority |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Topic 2: Physical works as a precondition for proposed activity |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | Topic 3: Lifetime extension by a specific domestic law |
| 16.00 – 17.00 | Topic 4: Likelihood of lifetime extension to cause significant adverse transboundary impact |
| 17.00 – 17.15 | Roundup of Day 1 and Meeting Close |

Wednesday 21 February

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| 09.00 – 09.15 | Opening and Approach to Day II |
| 09.15 – 10.15 | Topic 5: Periodic safety review |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Break |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | Topic 6: Operation beyond the designed (minimum) lifetime |
| 11.45 – 13.00 | Workshop Proposal |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | Workshop Proposal |
| 16.00 – 16.15 | Next Steps and Meeting Close |