

Information for the attention of Implementation Committee, Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991)

To be sent through the Secretary to the Convention:

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Concerning:

Party or Parties (States) of origin, under whose jurisdiction a proposed activity is envisaged to take place	Bulgaria
Affected Party or Parties (States), likely to be affected by the transboundary impact of a proposed activity	Romania
Activity (project), identified in the list of activities in Appendix I to the Convention	Life extension of nuclear reactors (Units 5 and 6), Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant
Likely significant adverse trans-boundary impact of the activity (project)	Impact on natural habitats, population and habitats species subject to conservation in protected areas
Provisions of the Convention (Articles) compliance with which is being contested	Article 2 (2), (3) 2. Each Party shall take the necessary legal, administrative or other measures to implement the provisions of this Convention, including, with respect to proposed activities listed in Appendix I that are likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impact, the establishment of an environmental impact assessment procedure that permits public participation and preparation of the environmental impact assessment

	<p>documentation described in Appendix II.</p> <p>3. The Party of origin shall ensure that in accordance with the provisions of this Convention an environmental impact assessment is undertaken prior to a decision to authorize or undertake a proposed activity listed in Appendix I that is likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact.</p>
<p>Description of issue – please attach supporting information</p>	<p>DECISION № 6 – PR/2014 (attached to the email)</p> <p>REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA</p> <p>MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER</p> <p>DECIDED</p> <p>not to assess the environmental impact of investment project "Extension of operation of the fifth and sixth units of NPP" Kozloduy", which is unlikely to have a significant negative impact on natural habitats, populations and habitats species subject to conservation in protected areas.</p> <p>The decision was made in spite of Romania`s Ministry of Enviroment request to assess the transboundary impact - official adress attached to the email.</p> <p>We hereby mention the similar case of the PLEX of two nuclear units at the Rivne NPP, Ukraine and the decision of the Committee to begin an initiative in 2013, with the conclusion that lifetime extension of a nuclear unit is a major change to an activity and should be subject to an EIA and transboundary procedures.</p> <p>We also mention that Unit 5 from Kozloduy NPP has already received a licence for lifetime extension in November 2017. http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/RS-Bulgaria-issues-Kozloduy-5-licence-extension-06111701.html</p>

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The source of the information is known and not anonymous	
The information relates to an activity listed in Appendix I to the Convention likely to have a significant adverse transboundary impact	
The information is the basis for a profound suspicion of non-compliance	
The information relates to the implementation of Convention provisions	
Committee time and resources are available	