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Dear Ms. Kolar Planinšič,

Let me inform you on the progress made so far as regards the transboundary impact assessment procedure for the construction of nuclear reactors 3 and 4 at the Khmelnytskyi nuclear power plant in Ukraine.

As I informed you in my previous letter of 18 November 2013, Slovakia had received a short e-mail from Ukraine saying that Ukraine offered to conduct expert consultations under Article 5 of the Espoo Convention using electronic meetings or messaging email or official letters by the end of 2013. The e-mail was later followed by a copy of a letter delivered via diplomatic channels.

In December 2013 Slovakia sent a series of questions to the Ukrainian Party in order to start any form of transboundary consultations as soon as possible but keeping in mind that these would under no circumstances be finished by the end of 2013.

On 14 February 2014 Slovakia received a scanned copy of a letter with responses to the questions we had sent last year and a link to a webpage with documents in Ukrainian, which should include responses to our additional questions. At the first glance the information received from Ukraine seems adequate and satisfactory, however, we are currently consulting our services and other relevant authorities on the contents and possible steps to take and we hope we will be able to inform you on the outcome of our internal consultations soon.

Best regards,

RNDr. Gabriel Nižňanský Head of Unit for Environmental Assessments