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Dear Mr Kachanovski, Dear Mr. Kulik,

Thank you for the letter dated 25 July 2013, informing the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) about the measures Belarus has taken this far to implement the Committee's recommendations further to the submission by Lithuania regarding Belarus (EIA/IC/S/4, ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2013/2, annex).

I also wish to acknowledge the second letter received on 12 August 2013, inviting the Committee members to attend the public hearing that Belarus will organize in Ostrovets (Belarus) on 17 August 2013. Given the short notice and the impossibility to consult all Committee members at this time of the year, I have to inform you that neither the Committee members, nor the secretariat will be in a position to attend this event.

I will, however, invite the Committee to consider the above issues at its next session. In view of these discussions, I would ask you to provide the Committee with information on the outcomes of the hearing and on any other further developments related to the transboundary EIA procedure on the Ostrovets nuclear power plant. Kindly provide this information through the secretariat, by 30 August 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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