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Aarhus Convention Compliance  
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RE: Statement to the activities of non-governmental organisations

Reputable representatives of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee,

as the representatives of towns and municipalities in the vicinity of the nuclear installation, who were selected in the democratic elections, we would like to express our resentment with the activities of some non-governmental organisations and anti-nuclear groups as well as individuals conducted in the relation to the project of nuclear installations Mochovce 3 and 4 under the construction. We do not agree with further publication of the information about the project, which are above those already accessible to the wide public thanks to the open access approach used by the regulatory authority and of the operator and which are sufficiently clear and well-known.

We do represent the inhabitants of 4 towns and more than 90 municipalities in the vicinity of the nuclear installation, which adds up to 150 000 (one hundred and fifty thousand) people. Our inhabitants consider themselves as the primary public directly involved and to be affected by such investment and further by the operation of the nuclear installation. No-one did communicate with these people neither with us - as their democratically elected representatives on the matter if we do consent to the provision of sensitive information to the third parties. We have full confidence into the Regulatory Authority – The National Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic (ÚJD SR) as the unbiased and independent body able to sufficiently assess what is safe for inhabitants, over whom the operation of nuclear facility have direct impact.

Our main interest is the protection of the justified interests of inhabitants of our region, their safety, notwithstanding the social and economic development of our region. No third party which submitted claims to the court in the Slovak Republic or to the Aarhus

Compliance Committee are NOT representing interests of the inhabitants of our region, never did communicate with us their opinions and statements, neither did they explain, why they do sustain on publication of information about the nuclear installation which we do consider as sensitive. We are affraid that by free access to these sensitive information lives, health, property and interests of inhabitants of our region can be endangered. Unscrupulous and ruthless way of requesting such information, as displayed in the reaction of Mr. Jan Havercamp of 8th April 2019 - ...“Whatever the intention is of the public concerning what it wants to do with that information, it has a right to receive it“, may evoke that impression.

We are expressing henceforward our full support of the independent and unbiased National Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic, which represents for us the guarantee of the sustainment of the high level of the nuclear safety in the Slovak Republic. At the same time, we are expressing our astohishment on the approach of the Aarhus Compliance Committee when omitting to involve the region Mochovce and its representatives into the procedure as the involved participants to the procedure, who are evidently and explicitly affected by the reservations and objections of the Global 2000.

Referring to the above stated facts, we state that neither the Regulatory Authority nor the operator in relation to the project Mochovce 3 and 4 - should provide access and dispose further information than already made accessible to public. We do consider all these already available information as sufficient gound for enviromental impact assessment. We presented our position also at the assembly of our association, which was held on 14th March 2019, where the assembly did decide by its resultion that this position should be presented to the representatives of the A Aarhus Compliance Committee.

Sincerely yours,



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Chairman of the Association

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1. Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic
2. Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
3. The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic (ÚJD SR)