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Dear Ms Tanner,

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding the upcoming meeting of the Espoo Implementation Committee in September 2018 at which the Transboundary consultation exercise conducted in Ireland earlier this year in relation to the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant (currently under construction) is expected to be discussed.

Specifically with regard to the Transboundary consultation exercise concerned and further to our own engagement with the Espoo Convention Implementation Committee on this matter, we consider that having regard to the Irish public and relevant stakeholders being given the opportunity to make submissions on the development, the issue of the requirements under the Espoo Convention and the EU EIA Directive (2011/92/EU) in this regard have now been (belatedly) met in relation to this development project. We expect that the submissions received have been given the necessary due consideration by the UK authorities as required.

Having regard to the potential implications of Brexit and the possibility of the UK no longer being subject to EU legislation including the EU EIA Directive (2011/92/EU), and further to previous discussions including our bilateral meeting of 25 June last in London, we look forward to concluding the current on-going dialogue regarding the ratification by both Ireland and the UK of the outstanding elements of the Espoo Convention, including the Kiev Protocol, as well as finalising agreed formal arrangements and procedures to ensure advance notification by both parties of any future proposals to build projects with the potential to have significant Transboundary impacts on our respective states, including new nuclear power plants and other related developments. It is anticipated that agreement on the above matters will ensure any necessary Transboundary consultations so arising are conducted in an appropriately timely manner, well in advance of the commencement of the construction of any such projects in order that all relevant international Transboundary consultation requirements in this regard are fully complied with.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Sheridan'.

Terry Sheridan
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