Dear Mr. Hughes,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its forty-second session, held in Geneva from 11 to 14 September 2018, the Committee reviewed and revised its findings and recommendations further to its initiative on the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the planned construction of the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant. In preparing the draft revised findings and recommendations, the Committee took into account the information brought to its attention:

(a) by the following potentially affected Parties: Austria on 24 April 2018, Denmark on 1 June 2018, Germany on 7 May 2018, Ireland on 30 April and 29 June 2018, Luxembourg on 30 April 2018, the Netherlands on 2 May 2018, and Norway on 27 April 2018;

(b) by the United Kingdom on 11 April and 29 August 2018;

(c) by Environmental Pillar, an Irish non-governmental organisation, on 2 July 2018.

At the request of the Committee, I am hereby sending to you the attached draft findings and recommendations. The Government of the United Kingdom is invited to submit to the secretariat, by 22 October 2018 at the latest, its comments or representations.

I would also like to inform you that the Committee agreed to consider any comments or representations from the Government of the United Kingdom using its electronic decision-making procedure and finalise its finding and recommendation by 12 November 2018. Once issued as an
official document, the findings and recommendations will be provided to the Government of the United Kingdom by the secretariat along with the draft decision IS/1h on the matter that will be transmitted for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties at its intermediary session. The related documents and information will also be posted on the Convention website.

Yours sincerely,

Romas Svedas
Chair, Implementation Committee, Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context
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