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Dear Mr Grandjot,

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

At its twenty-eighth session, held in Geneva from 10-12 September 2013, the Committee considered the information received from a German member of the Parliament representing the Green Party expressing concerns regarding the planned construction of the nuclear power plant (NPP) Hinkley Point C by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and noting that the German Government had not been notified and the German public had not been consulted on the planned activity. Information on the same subject had also been submitted by an Irish NGO on 27 March 2013.

The Committee held preliminary discussions on the matter and agreed that it would continue its consideration of the matter at its next meeting. In the meantime, it decided to seek further clarification from the Governments of the United Kingdom, as well as of Austria, Germany and Ireland.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to request from Germany to address the following questions:

- (a) Was the Government of Germany notified by the United Kingdom about the planned construction of an NPP at Hinkley Point C? And if it was, did the Government of Germany respond to the notification? Can the Government of Germany provide a copy of the notification and any response?

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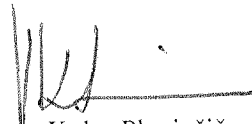
(b) Was the Government of Germany informed by the United Kingdom about the planned construction of an NPP at Hinkley Point C? And if yes, did it consider the information it received as a notification under the Espoo Convention? Did the Government of Germany respond to any information from the Government of the United Kingdom about the planned construction of an NPP at Hinkley Point C? Can the Government of Germany provide copies of any communication with the Government of the United Kingdom concerning the Hinkley Point C NPP?

(c) Does the Government of Germany consider that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C is likely to cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Germany?

(d) Has the Government of Germany held discussions with the Government of the United Kingdom on whether the proposed activity at Hinkley Point C is likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impact?

You are kindly invited to provide the information to the secretariat by 25 November 2013 for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

Yours sincerely,



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