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

Dear Mr. Zaharia,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus expresses appreciation to the Implementation Committee for the opportunity to provide further clarifications regarding implementation of the decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention. Concerning the question: could the Presidential Edict of 2 November 2013 (the Edict of 2013) change the site selected by the Presidential Edict of 15 September 2011 (the Edict of 2011) on the location, - we are grateful to provide the following information.

The Edict of 2011 defines the Ostrovets site for the design purposes (development of the project documentation) of the Belarusian nuclear power plant (hereinafter – NPP).

The Edict of 2013 was adopted after the completion of environmental impact assessment (further – EIA), including cross-border procedures, as well as after the completion of the state ecological examination of the project documentation including the report of EIA. This Edict has status of the final decision concerning construction of the NPP on the site for which the project documentation was developed according to the Decree of 2011.

The Edict of 2013 could change the provisions of the Edict of 2011, including the location of NPP, in the case if during the development of the project documentation, and/ or implementation of international procedures of EIA, and also/or during the state ecological examination of the project documentation it was established the facts of significant transboundary impacts or factors that prohibit location of the NPP at the site. There is a

practice in the Republic of Belarus when it was made a decision to change the object location during the development of the project documentation

For information. *In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, amendments and modifications to an Edict of the President of the Republic of Belarus shall be issued by adoption of a later Edict of the President of the Republic of Belarus.*

If it becomes necessary, the Belarusian side is ready to answer any questions of the Implementation Committee.

Sincerely,

First Deputy Minister,
Focal Point to the Espoo Convention



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