

**Secretariat of the Espoo
Convention**

**Compliance Committee of the
Espoo Convention**

To your letter of 12.09.2013 and further to the letter of the Ministry of ecology and natural resources of Ukraine from 22.08.2013 № 12735/13/10-13 inform.

Article 30 of decision V / 4 induces governments of Romania and Ukraine to accelerate negotiations for cooperation in the preparation of bilateral agreements or any other activities in order to continue to support the provisions of the Convention as stated in Article 8 of the Convention, in addition to paragraph 14 of decision IV/2, and invites them in this context to consider the expansion of areas on the protection of the Danube Delta, and develop a position on the management and monitoring under the Convention.

However, the Romanian government did not apply to Ukraine with this issue.

At the meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on implementation of the Convention on environmental impact assessment in transboundary context in Ukraine, held 25.06.2013 there were decided to organize and conduct negotiations with the Romanian Party the mutual agreement of the calendar plan aimed at the implementation of the provisions of the Espoo Convention in the process of implementation of a restoration project of DNP "Danube-Black Sea".

With the letter of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine dated 17.07.2013 № 10902/13/10-13 sent an invitation to the Romanian Party to arrive to Kyiv on August 30, 2013 for the mutual agreement of the calendar plan aimed at the implementation of the provisions of the Espoo Convention in the process of implementation of a restoration project of DNP "Danube-Black Sea". With a letter dated 01.08.2013 № 3632 RP Romanian Party proposed to organize a meeting in the city of Tulcea, Romania on October 3, 2013. In order to accelerate the implementation decision V / 2 Ukrainian Party with a letter dated 12.08.2013 № 12110/13/10-13 proposed to hold a meeting in Kyiv with the Romanian Party at any convenient time on September 02-06, 2013.

Letter of the Ministry of the environment dated 23.09.2013 № 13911/13/10-13 requested the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine proposes to entrust form a

delegation of the MFA of Ukraine from among the representatives of the Ministry, the Prosecutor's office and state Administration of sea ports of Ukraine for talks with the Romanian party on the response to decision V/4 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention.

The instruction of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 02.10.2013 № 38038/1/1-13 tasked to determine the composition of the representatives of the Ukrainian side for the meeting and specify the date of its holding.

Letter from 17.10.2013 № 15035/13/10-13 to the MFA granted candidates for the delegation and the proposal to hold negotiations in the first decade of December 2013 Kiev.

We also provide all the information on your request from 12.09.2013 Ref. EIA/IC/CI/4 in the Annex to the letter of the Ministry of ecology and natural resources from 15.10.2013 № 14925/13/10-13 concerning the procedure of renewal of NPPs France, Germany and the UK and procedures performed in the framework of compliance with the Espoo Convention in a transboundary context.

The government of the Federal Republic of Germany adopted a decision to abandon nuclear energy and is scheduled to close all existing NPPs until 2022. The question of renewal of NPPs in Germany is not relevant.

The company EDF is the operating organization, which unites 58 French nuclear power plants and 8 from 9 operating British NPP (see Appendix 1).

According to the information received from the EDF in the license for the French NPP power unit operation is not provided the design service life of power units as the procedure for extending the lifetime of the plant is carried out by the revaluation of safety on conformity to the essential requirements specified in the initial license (as in Ukraine). Based on the assessment of periodic safety analysis report, the French regulatory body for nuclear and radiation safety in accordance every 10 years, gives the permission to the further operation of NPP power units in the next 10 years.

The position of the French party is Convention shall not apply during the extension of the lifetime of NPP.

Minister

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