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Dear Mr Švedas

I write further to our previous correspondence regarding the UK's dialogue with other states on the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station project. I am pleased to be able to confirm that we have received a response from Ireland with regards to their public consultation. The attached letter from Mr Terry Sheridan confirms that they consider the requirements under the Espoo Convention and the EU EIA Directive (2011/92/EU) to have now been met in relation to the Hinkley Point C project.

As previously stated, the United Kingdom believes that we have completed satisfactorily the engagement process contained in draft Decision VII/2 with all requesting states. Regarding the public consultation in Ireland specifically, we have considered the responses received and have previously reported to you that in the view of the UK they contain no matters which were not properly considered at the time of the original development consent application for HPC. We have confirmed this with Mr Sheridan.

Therefore, we consider that no further action is required at this stage.

We had understood from your previous correspondence (specifically an email from Ms Elena Santer of 8 May 2018) that revised text of the draft Decision VII/2 would be available for our consideration ahead of the Implementation Committee's forty-second session in September 2018. We would be grateful if you could clarify at the earliest possible convenience the procedure being adopted and any action required of the UK.

If you would like to discuss any of this further in advance of the next Implementation Committee session, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also be most willing to attend if that would assist.

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