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Mr. Giles Scott
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2016, in which you seek, in accordance with the findings of the Implementation Committee in respect to its initiative concerning the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (EIA/IC/CI/5), Canada's opinion as to whether a notification under the Espoo Convention would be useful at the current stage for the development of the Hinkley Point C nuclear power facility in the United Kingdom. As Canada's focal point for the Espoo Convention, I am pleased to respond to your letter.

We appreciate that an environmental assessment concluded that no activity in connection with the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse transboundary effects. We are also aware of the opinion of the European Commission of February 3, 2012 that, both in normal operation and in the event of an accident of the type and magnitude considered, the project would not be liable to result in a radioactive contamination of the water, soil or airspace of another member State. In light of these facts, we do not believe that notification under the Espoo Convention would be useful at the current stage for the Hinkley Point C new nuclear power station.

We believe that engagement with Canada would be appropriate if follow up measures determine that the predictions made during the environmental assessment were incorrect and potential transboundary effects that could affect Canada were likely to occur.

I trust that you will find Canada's response of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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