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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) - Regarding Espoo and Hinkley Point C - Norway

We refer to the letter dated 21 December 2016 from the UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy regarding the nuclear power plant (NPP) at Hinkley Point C in Somerset, United Kingdom.

In the letter the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy asks Espoo states to comment on whether they consider notification under the Espoo Convention to be useful at the current stage of development at Hinkley Point C. Parties that consider such notification to be useful are encouraged to include reasons for their comments.

Norway considers it important to receive information about proposed NPPs in our geographical proximity and to have the opportunity to participate in the environmental impact assessment process for such projects, in accordance with the Espoo Convention. We also consider that notification under the Espoo Convention would be useful at the current stage of development at Hinkley Point C.

Such notification could provide us with valuable information about the planned NPP and an opportunity to assess which scenarios have been investigated in connection with adverse transboundary effects from the NPP. In addition, notification at present stage would serve as a

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basis for the consideration of possible Norwegian participation in the further environmental impact assessment process.

We also refer to the letter from the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernization dated 5 February 2014. Taking the geographical position of Norway into account, we still cannot confirm that it is not likely that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C, in the case of a major accident or incident, could cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Norway.

Yours sincerely,

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