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Dear Mr. Nižňanský,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991).

At its seventeenth session, held in Geneva from 14 to 18 September 2009, the Committee considered information provided by the Government of Ukraine on 8 September 2009, and earlier by the secretariat, regarding the proposed extension of the Mochovce Nuclear Power Plant in Slovakia.

The Committee requested that I to write to you to ask whether Slovakia had notified other Parties to the Convention regarding the proposed extension and, if so, which Parties and what had been the content of the notification. In particular the Committee wished to receive information on the following (with reference to the format for notification adopted by the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention):

1. Nature of the proposed activity (type of activity proposed)
2. Scope of proposed activity (e.g. main activity and any/all peripheral activities requiring assessment)
3. Scale of proposed activity (e.g. size, production capacity, etc.); description of proposed activity (e.g. technology used)
4. Description of purpose of proposed activity; rationale for proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic, physical geographic basis)
5. Spatial and temporal boundaries of the proposed activity
6. Description of the location (e.g. physical-geographic, socio-economic characteristics)
7. Rationale for location of proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic, physical-geographic basis)
8. Time-frame for proposed activity (e.g. start and duration of construction and operation)
9. Maps and other pictorial documents connected with the information on the proposed activity
10. Scope of assessment (e.g. consideration of: cumulative impacts, evaluation of alternatives, sustainable development issues, impact of peripheral activities, etc.)
11. Expected environmental impacts of proposed activity (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)
12. Inputs (e.g. raw material, power sources, etc.) and outputs (e.g. amounts and types of: emissions into the atmosphere, discharges into the water system, solid waste)


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13. Transboundary impacts (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)
14. Proposed mitigation measures (e.g. if known, mitigation measures to prevent, eliminate, minimize, compensate for environmental effects)
15. Whether the EIA documentation was included in the notification
16. Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA and, if different, decision-making authority
17. Information on the EIA process that will be applied to the proposed activity; time schedule
18. Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to be involved in the EIA process; opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to review and comment on the notification and the EIA documentation
19. Nature and timing of the possible decision and process for approval of the proposed activity
20. Public participation procedures and expected start and duration of public consultation

You are requested to provide written information to the Convention's secretariat no later than 31 December 2009.

The Committee agreed to discuss the reply, if appropriate, at its next session, 23 to 25 February 2010, and considered that it might then have further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Implementation Committee,
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in a Transboundary Context