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**Answer to the notification in accordance with Article 3
of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)**

The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia acknowledges the receipt of the notification from Finland concerning the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for a project plan to assess an additional reactor alternative in the context of constructing a new nuclear power plant in Finland by developer Fennovoima Oy. The notification was sent in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention. The EIA programme in English and the summary of the programme in Estonian were also provided.

Estonia organized a public display of the EIA programme from 09 October to 15 November. The EIA documentation was available at the Ministry of the Environment and on the Internet. Comments and suggestions were received from the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Environmental Board, the Health Board and the Institute of Geology at Tallinn University of Technology.

Based on the received comments and reflecting our own views, we would like to inform you that Estonia will participate in the EIA process for a project plan to assess an additional reactor alternative in the context of constructing a new nuclear power plant in Finland. We are on the position that it should be assessed in the EIA report whether the proposed activity may cause significant adverse impact on Estonia, especially the risks and impacts of unpredictable events and potential accidents must be assessed.

Yours sincerely,

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