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Answer to the notification regarding the possibility of extending the service life of the Olkiluoto 1 and Olkiluoto 2 plant units and uprating their thermal power at the Olkiluoto nuclear power plant in Finland

Dear Ms Aitala-Martesuo,

On 23 January 2024, Finland notified Estonia in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the possibility of extending the service life of the Olkiluoto 1 and Olkiluoto 2 plant units and uprating their thermal power at the Olkiluoto nuclear power plant. The environmental impact assessment (EIA) programme in English together with the summaries in English and in Estonian have been provided. Estonia acknowledges the receipt of the notification.

The Ministry of Climate of Estonia organized a public display of the forementioned documentation. The documentation was disseminated to numerous authorities and non-governmental organizations. Notice of the public consultation procedure was given in the official publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. The public display took place from 6 February to 8 March 2024. Statements were received from the Estonian Environmental Board, Agriculture and Food Board, Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority, and Estonian Rescue Board. The Estonian Environmental Board, Agriculture and Food Board, and Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority did not have comments or proposals regarding the EIA programme. The statement of the Estonian Rescue Board is enclosed, a summary of the statement – written by the Ministry of Climate – is included below.

Hereby the Ministry of Climate informs that Estonia intends to participate in the EIA procedure regarding the possibility of extending the service life of the Olkiluoto 1 and Olkiluoto 2 plant units and uprating their thermal power at the Olkiluoto nuclear power plant in Finland.

The Estonian Rescue Board has brought out that the EIA (including the EIA report) must show how the extension of the service life of the Olkiluoto 1 and Olkiluoto 2 plant units and uprating their thermal power more specifically affects the neighbouring countries, including Estonia. I.e., is there threat to people's lives and health; if threat exists, what is the extent. Based on that, Estonia can analyse if in case of an accident it is necessary to implement Estonia's radiation emergency

response plan, rescue operations due to the effects of a radiation accident at the Estonian Rescue Board level, or in the form of assistance request give resources to Finland.

Sincerely Yours,

(signed electronically)

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Enclosure: statement of the Estonian Rescue Board

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