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## **Espoo Convention, Olkiluoto NPP, Units 1 and 2, Extension of the service life and uprating of the thermal power; Comments from Austria**

Dear colleagues,

On January 23, 2024, Austria received a notification according to Art. 3 Espoo Convention and Art. 7 EIA Directive concerning units 1 and 2 of the Olkiluoto nuclear power plant (extension of the service life and uprating of the thermal power) from Finland (Ref. No.: SYKE/2023/1899). Austria is participating in the transboundary EIA procedure, since significant effects on the environment in Austria stemming from the implementation of the proposed project cannot be excluded.

Finland submitted the EIA report in English, a summary of the EIA report in English and German, as well as the competent authority's statement on the EIA programme for the proposed project in English to Austria on December 10, 2024 (Ref. No.: SYKE/2023/1899). A public participation procedure was carried out in Austria between December 23, 2024 and February 20, 2025. Please find an expert statement and a statement from the Austrian federal province of Upper Austria enclosed for consideration pursuant to Art. 6 Espoo Convention and Art. 8 EIA Directive.

As a next step, Austria proposes to carry out consultations pursuant to Art. 5 Espoo Convention and Art. 7 EIA Directive on the basis of the expert statement and the questions and comments contained therein. Following the consultations, Austria will provide Finland with a final expert statement.

Thank you for the good cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Federal Minister

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