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## Statement concerning plans for a new nuclear power plant in Finland by Fennovoima Oy

We refer to e-mail from Minna Torkelli 3.12.09 where Norway is permitted to give additional comments to the above mentioned project. The background for this was a mistake by the Ministry of Environment of Norway whereby Sametinget in Norway was left out in the regular hearing process following the Espoo Convention.

Sametinget has the following comments. Sametinget refers to the assessments in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of possible impacts on i.a. reindeer husbandry in case of accident situations with radioactive emissions. The EIA states that in case of such an accident, restrictions of land use might be necessary for up to some weeks within a radius of 1000 km.

Sametinget cannot see that the EIA proposes concrete measures to secure traditional Sami reindeer husbandry in the situation of an accident with radioactive emissions. To the degree that this is not covered, Sametinget asks that such measures are assessed and proposed.

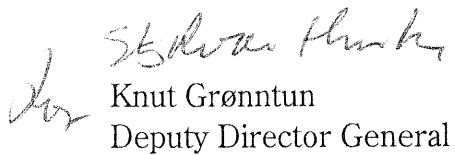
Sametinget in Norway also remarks that Sametinget in Finland has not been heard in the project, and asks that Sametinget in Finland is properly involved according to the obligations as provided by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights article 27 and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples article 19, cf. article 3, and article 29 no. 2.

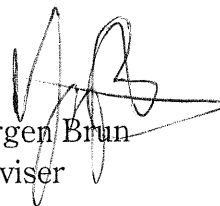
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We thank you for the flexibility you have shown us to give these additional comments.

Yours sincerely,

  
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