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Regarding the notification of the small modular
reactor plant project in Kuopio, Finland

Dear Jenni Juslén,

On 10 April 2026, Finland notified Estonia in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), regarding a small modular reactor (SMR) plant project in Kuopio, Finland. The notification included the environmental impact assessment programme in English and a summary in Estonian. Estonia acknowledges the receipt of the notification.

The Ministry of Climate hereby informs that Estonia intends to participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure regarding the SMR plant project in Kuopio.

The Ministry of Climate organised a public display of the EIA programme. The documentation was forwarded to the relevant Estonian authorities and non-governmental organisations for commenting regarding the possible transboundary environmental impact on Estonia and the scope of the EIA. Notice of the public consultation procedure was given in the official publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. Statements were received from the Ministry of the Interior, the Estonian Environmental Board, the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority, the Rescue Board, and the Health Board. The statements which included comments or proposals regarding the scope of the EIA are enclosed. A summary of these comments and proposals (prepared by the Ministry of Climate) is provided below.

The Ministry of the Interior supports Estonia's participation in the transboundary EIA procedure. The Ministry emphasised that, although the preliminary assessment in the EIA programme indicates that the project is not likely to have transboundary impacts, the assessment should thoroughly address issues related to civil protection, emergency preparedness and possible nuclear security aspects. Considering the changed security environment in Europe, the Ministry emphasised the need to assess potential physical and hybrid threats to the nuclear facility, including drone-related, cyber and sabotage threats, as well as the resilience and continuity of critical infrastructure.

The Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority agrees that Estonia should participate in the transboundary EIA procedure. The Authority requests that, at the EIA report

stage, the assessment further addresses the justification of the scope of the assessment of transboundary radiological impacts, the assumptions and uncertainties used in severe accident modelling, the assumptions concerning emergency preparedness, and the principles for the temporary management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste.

The Health Board does not consider it necessary to participate in the EIA procedure. Nevertheless, the Board considers it important that the assessment thoroughly addresses possible impacts on human health and health safety. This should include both the radiological impacts that may arise from the usual operation of the nuclear power plant as well as the possible impacts of accident situations on the Estonian population.

The Rescue Board and the Environmental Board were of the opinion that, considering that the SMR plant's location is relatively far from the Estonian border (ca 400 km), the expected impact on the territory of Estonia in the event of a possible accident would be minimal, and therefore the authorities do not consider it necessary to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure.

Estonia kindly requests that the proposals and issues raised above would be considered in the further EIA procedure and that Estonia is kept informed of the subsequent stages of the procedure, including the publication of the EIA report.

Sincerely Yours,

(signed electronically)

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Enclosures:

1. Statement of the Health Board
2. Statement of the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority
3. Statement of the Ministry of the Interior

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