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MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Ministry of the Environment of Finland
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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) for Fennovoima Oy's Spent Nuclear Fuel Encapsulation Plant and Final Disposal Facility

The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia acknowledges receipt of the notification from Finland concerning Fennovoima Oy's Spent Nuclear Fuel Encapsulation Plant and Final Disposal Facility. The notification has been sent in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. The notification was sent electronically on 22.06.2016 and the environmental impact assessment (EIA) programme in English together with the summary in Estonian on 6.09.2016.

The Ministry of the Environment published a notice in the official publication and informed the concerned authorities and non-governmental organizations about the notification of the project. The public display of the EIA programme took place on 12.09.–14.10.2016. Letters were received from the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Rural Affairs, the Environmental Board, the Environmental Inspectorate, the Health Board and the Rescue Board.

Hereby we are informing you that Estonia will participate in the EIA procedure for Fennovoima Oy's Spent Nuclear Fuel Encapsulation Plant and Final Disposal Facility.

It is stated in the EIA programme that on the basis of the preliminary estimate the Fennovoima final disposal project does not have any transboundary environmental impacts. The project's environmental impacts will be studied in more detail in the EIA report, including an estimate as to whether the project will cause any transboundary impacts. We would like to emphasize that the estimate regarding transboundary impacts must also be adequately substantiated in the EIA report.

Sincerely Yours,

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