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Subject: Notification in relation to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the "Espoo Convention")

The Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the "MoE") received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales regarding the proposed construction of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell C, Leiston, Suffolk, England. Through this letter the Planning Inspectorate notified the Czech Republic of the proposed activity under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention and requested the Government of the Czech Republic to indicate whether it wishes to participate in the EIA procedure regarding the proposed activity or not.

The MoE would like to inform the Planning Inspectorate that it reviewed both the provided notification on the relevant proposed activity and the transboundary screening report and concluded, given the distance between the borders of the Czech Republic and the location of the project in question as well as the character of its environmental impacts, that the Czech Republic would not be affected by any significant adverse transboundary impacts of such activity, therefore it does not wish to directly participate in the EIA procedure pursuant to the Espoo Convention. However the MoE would appreciate if it could be kept informed about the application in question.

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