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Response from Norway to the letter “Information in relation to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the “Espoo Convention”) and the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the “Aarhus Convention”).”

We refer to the letter of 8 July 2020 from UK National Infrastructure Planning regarding construction of a new nuclear power plant (Sizewell C) at Sizewell, Leiston, on the southeast coast of England.

The UK National Infrastructure Planning states their opinion in this letter that Sizewell C is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Norway. Under normal operation conditions The Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (DSA) is generally in agreement with this opinion. However, in the event of a serious accident, the occurrence of adverse environmental effects affecting Norwegian territory and/or economic interests cannot be excluded. We note that there is no detailed information about the possible radiological consequences in Norway after a major accident at Sizewell C. We understand that a detailed risk assessment is not part of the present study, and that these hazards will be assessed in detail at a later stage, as part of the Nuclear Site Licensing. However, without such information we cannot at this stage provide a proper response regarding “potential significant effects of the proposed development on the environment” in Norway or measures to reduce or eliminate such effects.

Norway appreciates being part of this on-going consultation and believes it is important to receive notification about such proposed nuclear power plants, in accordance with the Espoo Convention. Norway will also register as an Interested Party in the examination

process.

DSA would appreciate receiving digital copies of relevant information in connection with the proposed construction of Sizewell C and/or notification as to when such information is made available on-line. DSA is also interested in participating at any subsequent meetings involving interested foreign authorities, regarding issues such as potential accident scenarios and emergency preparedness.

Yours faithfully,

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