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Belarus, Latvia, Poland and as per the enclosed  
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**INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY – DISMANTLING AND  
DECONTAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT OF UNITS A-2 AND V-2 OF IGNALINA  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

As you are probably aware, starting from 31 December 2009, the State Enterprise “Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant” (hereinafter referred to as INPP) completely ceased the production of electricity due to obligations of the Republic of Lithuania, provided for in the Treaty of Accession to the European Union. The INPP decommissioning is performed as a large project, regulated by the Law on the Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning of the Republic of Lithuania, No. XII-914. The whole project is being implemented via a number of smaller subprojects, in accordance with the continuous step by step approach chosen during the scoping phase of the EIA for the overall project. This approach was selected because of the long-term nature of the project and with an intention of applying state of the art methods for every step and to ensure that environmental effects of the previous steps can be taken into account during further planning and assessment.

The proposed activity – Dismantling and decontamination of Units A-2 and V-2 is one of the activities within the large INPP decommissioning project; information about environmental impact assessments for the previous subprojects is provided on the homepage of the INPP: <http://www.iae.lt/en/activity/environmental-impact-assessment/154>.

After the Second Amendment of the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) came into force in 2017, even such smaller subprojects may be considered as proposed activities under Annex I – “Nuclear power stations and other nuclear reactors, including the dismantling or decommissioning of such power stations or reactors”. Therefore, this letter intends to inform your State of the proposed activity “Dismantling and decontamination of equipment of Units A-2 and V-2 of Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant”. Given that the proposed activity includes only dismantling and decontamination of the equipment and is highly unlikely to have significant impacts on your State, we are not sending a notification in the same way if a significant adverse transboundary effect was likely. However, we are taking a precautionary approach and would like to provide you with information about the progress of the EIA and relevant decision making.

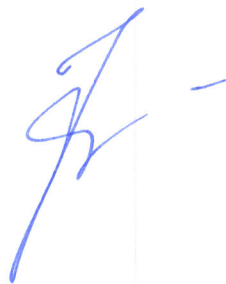
The activity will include the following major technological operations: preparatory works; dismantling of the equipment; transportation of waste from the dismantled equipment to the areas of fragmentation, decontamination and packaging; initial treatment of the dismantling waste; radiation measurements of waste and waste packages; transfer of waste and/or waste packages to

the interim storage, disposal or release it from the further radiation control depending on the waste acceptance criteria; completion and finishing works.

According to Lithuanian legislation, the proposed activity is subject to environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as the EIA). Information on the EIA process, the nature of the possible decision and a more detailed description of the proposed activity and its possible transboundary impact is provided in the non-technical summary of the EIA Report, attached to this letter (in English and Russian). The summary is available online, on the homepage of the Ministry of Environment: <http://am.lrv.lt> → EN → Activities → Environmental Impact Assessment → Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context → Dismantling and decontamination of equipment of Units A-2 and V-2 of Ignalina nuclear power plant (January 2020). Full text of the EIA report (in Lithuanian) is also available online, on the homepage of the INPP: [https://www.iae.lt/data/public/uploads/2019/06/pava-a2v2-blokai\\_.pdf](https://www.iae.lt/data/public/uploads/2019/06/pava-a2v2-blokai_.pdf).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us no later than **12 March 2020**.

Vice-minister



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Annexes enclosed: Non-technical Summary of the EIA Report for “Dismantling and decontamination of equipment of Units A-2 and V-2 of Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant” (in English and Russian)