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**CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE PROJECT
DISMANTLING AND DECONTAMINATION OF THE EQUIPMENT OF THE
WORKING AREAS R1 AND R2 OF THE REACTOR OF THE 2ND UNIT (PROJECT 2102)
OF THE IGNALINA NPP**

We would like to kindly remind that Lithuania has not yet received the answer of Belarus to the letter, dated 6 September 2021 (No (10)-D8(E)-5653), on Additional information on dismantling and decontamination of equipment from the working areas R1 and R2 of Ignalina nuclear power plant unit 2 reactor (hereinafter referred to as Project 2102).

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, a new type of activity, namely “Nuclear power stations and other nuclear reactors, including the dismantling or decommissioning of such power stations or reactors” was added to the list of activities under Annex I. Considering this circumstance and even though Project 2102 is highly unlikely to have significant impacts on the environment of Belarus and despite the fact that Belarus has not ratified the Second Amendment of the Espoo Convention, Lithuania has taken a precautionary approach and provided Belarus with information about the proposed activity by letter No (10)-D8-110, dated 26 May 2021. In response we have received your request for additional information, which was provided in our letter No (10)-D8(E)-5653, dated 6 September 2021, even though some of the comments and questions were not related to Project 2102. In this letter, Lithuania has asked Belarus to reply with an indication whether the provided information is sufficient or if Belarus requires additional procedures of transboundary consultations according to the Espoo Convention.

However, we still have not received a reply from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, even though we have additionally asked for a response by an e-mail to the Point of Contact of Belarus regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention.

In view of the above, we kindly ask to submit your answer no later than **17 January 2022**. Otherwise, we will maintain that Belarus is satisfied with the information provided by Lithuania and does not need any additional procedures of transboundary consultations according to the Espoo Convention.

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