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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
= Statement

Statement by Austria

Transboundary environmental impact assessments pursuant to the Espoo Convention for nuclear installations are of utmost importance for Austria.

Annex IV point 8 and recitals 15 and 32 of the revised EIA Directive make reference to an assessment according to Directive 2009/71/Euratom. While the Euratom Directive requires in general the establishment of national framework conditions it does not provide for a description and assessment of accidents or disaster risks equivalent to the EIA Directive. Austria therefore reiterates its understanding that risk assessments according to Directive 2009/71/EURATOM will most likely not meet the requirements of the EIA Directive and cannot be used to demonstrate fulfilment of the requirements of Annex IV point 8.