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Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia
- Adoption

Corrigendum to doc.17311/13 ADD 1:

The following two statements should be added to those set out in the addendum to doc. 17311/13:

Statement by Bulgaria

"Recalling the priority of ensuring nuclear safety within the Euratom Community and without prejudice to the different legal bases retained for the Council Regulation on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme in Lithuania and for the Council Regulation on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria and Slovakia, Bulgaria stresses that the equal treatment between those three Member States has to be ensured in the future."

Statement by Lithuania

"Lithuania welcomes the decision of the Council, supported by the European Parliament, to retain Protocol No 4 constituting part of primary law as the legal basis for the Council Regulation on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme in Lithuania.

The recourse to Article 203 of the Euratom Treaty cannot be justified in case of Ignalina programme, which is intended to be seamlessly continued and extended in order to provide continued adequate Community assistance for the Ignalina programme, provided that another legal basis, notably Protocol No 4, exists in primary law. Commitment to this approach has been reinforced in the European Council conclusions from the 7-8 of February 2013, where Footnote of 19th paragraph on Multiannual Financial Framework signifies granting EU financial support to Ignalina NPP during 2014-2020 according to protocol No 4.

Lithuania retains its position that Protocol No 4 remains the correct legal basis for the European Union to provide continued financial assistance during the period of the next financial perspectives while the Ignalina Programme as extended shall be based on the same elements and principles as described in the aforementioned Protocol. Lithuania also recalls its discretion to defend this right."