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#### Answer to the notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention

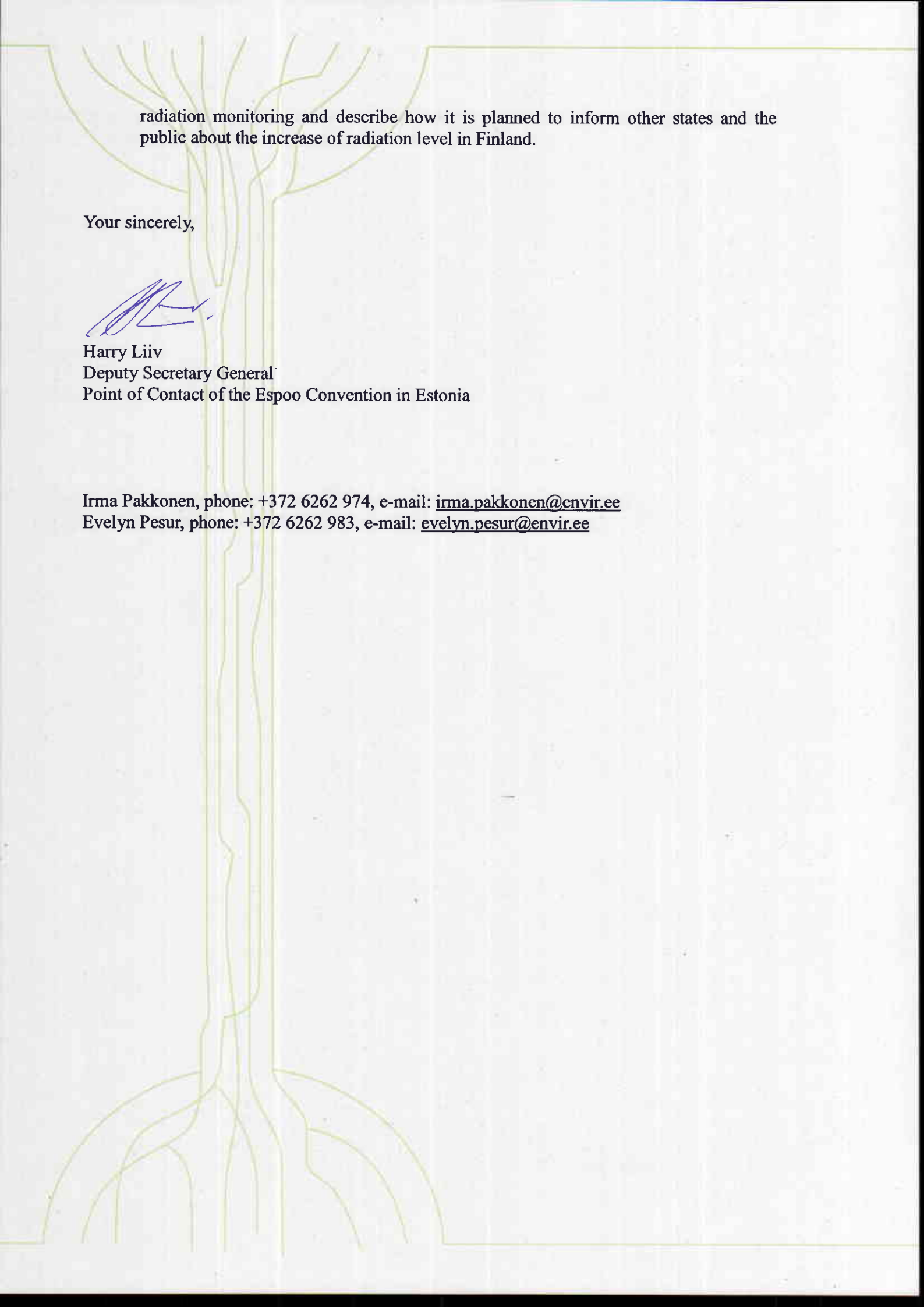
The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia has received the notification from Finland about initiation of environmental impact assessment (EIA) for a project plan to construct a new nuclear power plant. The notification was sent in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention). The EIA programme in English and the summary of the programme in Estonian were also provided to make comments.

The Ministry of The Environment of Estonia organised the public display and the public hearing to introduce the proposed activity and the EIA programme to the public and to give them the opportunity to express their comments and proposals on the programme.

Herewith we would like to inform you that Estonia will participate in EIA of the project while radiological emergency can occur significant release of radioactive material and it may cross Estonian border.

The Ministry of the Environment would like to highlight the following:

- The purpose of the project is to satisfy the demand of energy in Finland. During EIA the proposed activity should be compared with all different reasonable alternatives. The alternatives should contain all possibilities to provide the demand of electricity in Finland, e.g. energy from renewable resources, coal, fuel oil, natural gas etc. If there are no realistic alternatives except building a new Nuclear Power Plant with the electric power of 1500-2500 MW, the EIA report should indicate the main reasons for choosing that opportunity (for example based on development plans of Finland).
- EIA report has to give a detailed overview about the potential consequences of exceptional and accident situations – the possibility of accidents with transboundary implications, the potential consequences associated with the accidents (spatial extent; impacts, thereof, e.g. air and seawater pollution, whether limits for emergency exposure, intervention levels or action levels can be exceeded etc) and the provisions made against it. The report has to provide also information on the planned/necessary



radiation monitoring and describe how it is planned to inform other states and the public about the increase of radiation level in Finland.

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