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Subject: Radioactive waste export from Hungary to Russia

Ref.: Your letter dated 26 November 2013, our letter dated 19 December 2013

Dear Mrs Rivasi,

in addition to our letter of 19 December 2013, please find herewith some further elements in reply to your initial letter from 26 November 2013.

The nuclear material involved in the incident occurred in Paks 2 unit in 2003 is still in the facility and under Euratom and IAEA safeguards.

All shipments of nuclear materials from the Member States need to be notified to the European Commission under the Euratom safeguards regulation¹ and must be covered by a contract under Chapter 6 of the Euratom Treaty. As of today, the operator has not notified plans for such a shipment to the Commission.

In addition, under Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom,² prior to a shipment including radioactive waste to a third country, EU Member States are required to inform the Commission of the content of any agreement with this third country to use its disposal facilities, respecting the provisions of Article 4.4 of the Directive. As of today, Hungary has not informed the Commission of such agreement with Russia.

Considering the above, we are not in a position to comment on the information which Nuclear Transparency Watch has received.

¹ COMMISSION REGULATION (Euratom) No 302/2005 of 8 February 2005, OJ L 54, 28.2.2005.

² Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom of 19 July 2011 establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste, OJ L 199, 2.8.2011, p. 48-56.

I can however ensure you that the Commission will be particularly vigilant on this matter upon reception of any information from the operator or the Hungarian authorities concerning a planned shipment, and will verify the compliance with the provisions of the Euratom Treaty and its secondary law, including Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom.

Yours sincerely,



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