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Dear Dr. Lucas,

I appreciate your interest in the project of construction of the Baltic nuclear power plant which is intended to ensure security of electricity supply in the Kaliningrad region of Russia. The task is especially important in the light of possible impediments to the electricity supply to Kaliningrad from mainland Russian territory due to EU plans to interconnect electricity grids of the Baltic states and the EU, thereby disconnecting the Baltic grid from the Russian one.

I would like to stress that, contrary to your allegations, the plant meets all modern safety requirements. Clear evidence of this is the fact that the chosen nuclear reactor for the plant is exactly of the same type as those for the nuclear plant under construction in Bulgaria which has received all certificates on safety including from the proper EU authorities.

The design and construction of the plant will be carried out in full conformity with relevant Russian legislation and international conventions including those

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which deal with the protection of the environment, in consultation with due account to public opinion. One of the examples of such kind of consultations is a public hearing on the matter (which has somehow missed your attention) held in Neman at the end of last July. Both supporters and opponents of the Baltic nuclear plant project used the event as a forum for presentations of their opinions.

I am happy to be able to provide you with a CD-ROM disc containing full information on the BNP project environmental assessment – in the hope that it will satisfactorily address any remaining concerns that you may have.

The Russian authorities are always open for discussions with EU and other partners. However, to make these discussions professional, fruitful and constructive we expect that the interested Parties will base their conclusions on fair information and valid data. We also expect the same treatment of possible concerns of Russian nuclear experts and environmental NGOs regarding the safety of reactors in EU member states, including in the UK, whose nuclear power plants happen to be the oldest in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Chizhov', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Vladimir CHIZHOV,
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation
to the European Communities