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The following activities are covered under the specific objective set out in Article 3((3):

(I) Dismantling of reactor shafts:

- (1) completion of dismantling and decontamination of top and bottom zones (called zones R1 and R2, respectively);
- (2) completion of Steam Drum Separators dismantling;
- (3) graphite cores (called zone R3):
  - (a) dismantling technology engineered and licensed;
  - (b) dismantling equipment installed and operational;
  - (c) dismantling and decontamination of the reactor shafts central zone in accordance with the decommissioning plan; progress has to be measured by the quantity and type of materials removed as well as through earned value);
  - (d) reactor waste interim storage facility in operation.
- (4) demolition of relevant buildings.

(II) The Ignalina nuclear power plant (INPP) reorganisation and proportionate reduction of workforce (employees) involved in the decommissioning programme. In view of the scheduled dismantling activities and considering the choice of the INPP to outsource the full dismantling of reactor shaft central zones, the reduction of the workforce involved in the decommissioning activities shall be at least one third compared to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) at the end of 2024. Progress has to be measured with respect to specific Key Performance Indicators approved in the implementing work programmes.

(III) Safe management of the decommissioning and legacy waste up to interim storage or to disposal (depending on the waste category), including the completion of the waste management infrastructure, and near surface repository. It has to be accomplished in accordance with the decommissioning plan, in its final revision. Progress has to be measured by the quantity and type of waste safely stored or disposed of, as well as through earned value.

(IV) Downgrading of radiological hazards. Progress has to be measured through the safety assessments of the activities and the facility, identifying ways in which potential exposures could occur and estimating the probabilities and magnitude of potential exposures.

The specific objective set out in Article 3(3) shall not cover the disposal of spent fuel and radioactive waste in a deep geological repository and the funding for the realisation of a deep geological repository.