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Delegations will find Presentation on Ignalina Regulation.

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# Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina nuclear power plant in Lithuania for the period 2028-2034, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2021/101

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Delegations will find in the Annex a second revision (REV2) of the above-mentioned proposal.

Compared to the Commission's proposal, texts changed in REV1 are marked underlined and deletions are marked ~~double-strikethrough~~. New texts (changes from REV1 to REV2) are marked **bold underlined** and deletions are marked ~~strikethrough~~.

# Article 3(1)

## Drafting suggestion from FR:

“The knowledge referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph shall be disseminated at Union level, and beyond, with third countries where appropriate, in line with Union policy and objectives, in all relevant areas, developing potential Union synergies, under programme Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation and Decommissioning (INSC-D), as set out in Article [X] of Regulation (Euratom) [XXX]”.

- Adopted by PCY.

## Article 3

### Programme objectives

1. The Programme has the following general objectives:
  - (a) to assist Lithuania in implementing the decommissioning of the Ignalina nuclear power plant, with specific emphasis on managing the radiological safety challenges and optimising the efficiency of the programme implementation via a proportionate reduction of workforce;
  - (b) to create knowledge on the nuclear decommissioning process and the management of radioactive waste resulting from the decommissioning activities, delivering explicit knowledge products on decommissioning and waste management governance issues, managerial best practices, and technological challenges.

The knowledge referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph shall be disseminated at Union level, and beyond, with third countries where appropriate, in line with Union policy and objectives, in all relevant areas, developing potential Union synergies, under programme Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation and Decommissioning (INSC-D), as set out in Article [X] of Regulation (Euratom) [XXX].

# ANNEX

## Comment from LT:

Separate the paragraph on the demolition of structures in a new paragraph, rather than keep it as a subparagraph to para. (I) which refers to on dismantling of the reactor shafts.

- Adopted by PCY.

## ANNEX

The ~~following~~ activities included in the decommissioning plan submitted by Lithuania in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1369/2013, and its subsequent revisions are covered under the specific objective set out in Article 3(~~(3)~~), in particular the following:

- (I) Dismantling of reactor shafts:

[.....]

(4) — demolition of relevant buildings implementation of the building demolition programme. Progress made in respect of this objective is to be measured by the quantity of demolished buildings as well as through earned value.

- (II) Implementation of the building demolition programme. Progress made in respect of this objective is to be measured by the quantity of demolished buildings as well as through earned value.

# ANNEX

## Comment from DE:

Delete “interim”, as storage already expresses the interim character, in contrast to disposal.

- Adopted by PCY.

(IV) 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.

# ANNEX

## Comment from DE:

Replace “deep geological repository” with “deep geological disposal facility”.

- Adopted by PCY.

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[.....]

(III) Functioning of the decommissioning organization [.....]

(IV) Safe management of the decommissioning and legacy waste up [.....]

(V) Downgrading of radiological hazards. [.....]

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



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