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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
DENMARK**

**Agreement on early notification of a nuclear accident and
exchange of information concerning the operation and
management of nuclear facilities. Signed at Copenhagen
on 19 November 1987**

Authentic texts: English and Danish.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 20 September 1990.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
DANEMARK**

**Accord sur la notification rapide d'un accident nucléaire et
sur l'échange de renseignements relatifs au fonctionne-
ment et à la gestion des installations nucléaires. Signé à
Copenhague le 19 novembre 1987**

Textes authentiques : anglais et danois.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord
le 20 septembre 1990.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK ON EARLY NOTIFICATION OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark;

Referring to the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident adopted at Vienna on 26 September 1986², (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) and, in particular, to Article 9 of that Convention;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

This Agreement shall apply to facilities and activities (hereinafter referred to respectively as “a nuclear facility” and “a nuclear activity”) specified in Article 1.2 of the Convention.

Early notification

ARTICLE 2

If there is an accident involving a nuclear facility or activity in the territory of one Party from which a release of radioactive material results and if such a release could have an effect, outside the first Party's territory, of radiological safety significance for the other Party, the Party in whose territory the accident has occurred shall forthwith notify the other Party directly. It shall also provide such available information as is relevant to minimising the radiological consequences, as is defined in Article 5.1 of the Convention.

ARTICLE 3

The information referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement shall be supplemented as the situation develops with appropriate information for so long as the competent authorities of the Parties agree is necessary.

ARTICLE 4

The Party providing information under Articles 2 and 3 of this Agreement shall as far as is reasonably practicable respond promptly to a request from the other Party for further information or for consultation.

¹ Came into force on 9 December 1987, the day after the date of receipt of the last of the notifications by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of their internal requirements, in accordance with article 12 (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1439, p. 275.

ARTICLE 5

Both Parties are prepared to notify the other as soon as possible of a nuclear accident falling within the scope of Article 3 of the Convention if it is the assessment of the Party on whose territory the accident has taken place that the effect of the accident could be of radiological safety significance to the other Party outside the territory of the first Party.

ARTICLE 6

If a Party registers abnormal levels of radiation not caused by release from facilities or activities in its territory, it shall notify the other Party and shall continue to keep the other Party informed of developments.

ARTICLE 7

Information exchanged between the Parties under Articles 2 to 6 of this Agreement shall be transmitted by a reciprocal notification system. Details of such a system shall be agreed between the competent authorities of the two Parties.

ARTICLE 8

(1) On or before the entry into force of this Agreement the competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange safety-related information on nuclear facilities and activities which is relevant to the risk of abnormal release of radioactive material. Thereafter they shall periodically exchange any further information.

(2) The competent authorities of the Parties shall notify each other promptly of commissioning, decommissioning and other significant changes in nuclear facilities in their respective territories.

(3) The scope of the preceding two paragraphs, and modalities for their implementation, shall be agreed between the competent authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE 9

The Party receiving information supplied under Article 8 shall be entitled to consult the other Party for clarification of such information.

Implementation**ARTICLE 10**

Each Party shall make known to the other Party its competent authorities for the purpose of this Agreement.

Miscellaneous provisions**ARTICLE 11**

This Agreement shall not affect other agreements previously entered into between the two Parties.

ARTICLE 12

- (1) Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of its internal requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement, and the Agreement shall enter into force on the day after the receipt of the later notification .
- (2) This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party on six months written notice to the other Party.
- (3) The provisions of this Agreement may be modified any time by agreement between the Parties.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Copenhagen on November 19, 1987 in duplicate in the English and Danish languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

PETER UNWIN

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Denmark:

CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN
