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

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

Authentic texts: English and Norwegian.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on
19 January 1990.*

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

**Accord sur la notification rapide d'un accident nucléaire et
l'échange de renseignements relatifs à l'exploitation et à
la gestion de centrales nucléaires. Signé à Londres le
24 novembre 1987**

Textes authentiques : anglais et norvégien.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord
le 19 janvier 1990.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY 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 Norway,

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.

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

¹ Came into force on 7 January 1988, the day after the receipt of the last of the notifications by which the Parties had 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.

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 materials. 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 at any time by agreement between the Parties.

[For the testimonium and signatures, see p. 179 of this volume — Pour le testimonium et les signatures, voir p. 179 du présent volume.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at London this 24th day of November 1987 in the English and Norwegian languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.

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

GLENARTHUR

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Norway:

SISSEL RØNBECK

TIL BEKREFTELSE HERAV har de undertegnede, som har behørig fullmakt dertil, undertegnet denne avtale.

UTFERDIGET i London den 24. november 1987, i to eksemplarer, på engelsk og norsk, som begge har samme gyldighet.

For Regjeringen
i Det Forenede Kongeriket Storbritannia
og Nord-Irland:

For Regjeringen
i Kongeriket Norge: