

**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

**99-00-127-42**  
**04 May 2026, Sofia**

**Subject:** Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context regarding an investment proposal for the "Construction of a small modular reactor (SMR) facility intended to generate heat for the district heating network of the city of Kuopio, North Savo region, Finland," commissioned by Kuopion Energia Oy

**DEAR MINISTER MULTALA,**

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your information letter, ref. SYKE/2026/605/10.04.2026, from the Finnish Environment Institute, in which you inform us of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the proposed investment project in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the regulations related to the Nuclear Energy Act.

Pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, we hereby inform you that, following a careful review and consultations with the competent authorities in the Republic of Bulgaria, we consider it necessary to participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure.

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*Please accept, Honourable Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and readiness for successful future cooperation*

*Sincerely,*

*Julian Popov*  
*Minister of Environment and Water*