Question for written answer E-000052/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Philippe Juvin (PPE)

Subject: Nuclear safety in Ukraine

On 3 December 2014, the Ukrainian prime minister announced that an incident had occurred on 28 November in the third reactor at the Zaporizhia nuclear power station. The Minister for Energy confirmed that the reactor wiring had short-circuited, causing the power station to shut down. The French Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety Institute reported that it had not detected any unusual radioactivity following that incident. However, this does raise questions about the safety of Ukrainian nuclear plants.

In light of the recommendations formulated for Ukraine following nuclear plant stress testing by the Union in 2011 and 2012, what is the Commission's take on this incident? What follow-up measures have been put in place by the Ukrainian safety authorities?

The report on Union lending and borrowing in 2013 refers to Decision 2013/3496 to grant a Euratom loan for a programme to improve the safety of nuclear reactors in Ukraine. Has that loan been disbursed and what is it supposed to finance?

A loan was granted by the EBRD in 2013 for the purpose of renewing Ukrainian nuclear power stations. Does the Commission intend to demand an evaluation of that loan?

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