

Question for written answer E-014091/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Breach of Espoo Convention by Ukraine

It has recently been announced that Ukraine is planning to refurbish and /or expand 15 nuclear reactors to extend their working life. These measures are being supported by a EUR 600 million loan from the EU. According to press reports, such loans may only be granted to cover safety improvements for a specific remaining lifespan.

1. Will the refurbishment measures planned by Ukraine bring it up to a safety level similar to that in France or Germany?
2. Does the Commission not think that granting these funds sends the wrong signal given the severe criticism levelled at many EU Member States for retaining nuclear power, particularly after the incidents in Fukushima?