Question for written answer E-014775/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Franz Obermayr (ENF)

Subject: Implementation of Directive 2011/70/Euratom

Directive 2011/70/Euratom requires Austria, too, to implement a national action plan and designate a nuclear waste repository. Austria is a member of the European Repository Development Organisation (ERDO), which is pursuing the concept of a regional repository for radioactive waste. That means that a country would store not only its own radioactive waste, but also that of a number of other countries. However, not one ERDO member country - and that includes the Czech Republic and Slovakia, which also operate nuclear power plants - is looking seriously, and with democratic public involvement, for a repository site.

The search for a solution to the issue of a repository is being put off everywhere, with the country that is the first to set one up running the risk of having to store other countries' radioactive waste too. At all events, that would be unfair to countries producing 'less problematic' radioactive waste, i.e. to Austria too.

- 1. Is Austria planning to set up a nuclear waste repository by 2030 (commissioning year) or by any other date?
- 2. Have possible sites already been selected?
- 3. After a repository has been built, could Austria be required under the above Euratom directive to accept nuclear waste from other countries?

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