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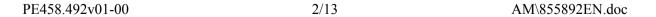
# AMENDMENTS 1 - 23

**Draft opinion Zigmantas Balčytis**(PE456.644v01-00)

on the efficiency and effectiveness of EU funding in the area of decommissioning nuclear power plants in the new Member States (2010/2104(INI))

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# Amendment 1 Vladimir Urutchev

# Draft opinion Recital A

## Draft opinion

A. whereas during the accession negotiations the Lithuanian, Slovak and Bulgarian governments *committed themselves*, as part of their Accession Treaties, to close nuclear reactors *which could not be economically upgraded to the required level of safety*,

### Amendment

A. whereas during the accession negotiations the Lithuanian, Slovak and Bulgarian governments *agreed*, as part of their Accession Treaties, to close *some of the older* nuclear reactors *with fixed early closure dates*,

Or. en

# Amendment 2 Ivailo Kalfin

# Draft opinion Recital A

## Draft opinion

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## Amendment

A. whereas during the accession negotiations the Lithuanian, Slovak and Bulgarian governments committed themselves, as part of their Accession Treaties, to close *early* nuclear reactors which could not, *in some cases*, be economically upgraded to the required level of safety,

Or. en

Amendment 3 Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

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## Draft opinion

### Amendment

Aa. whereas the shut-down and subsequent decommissioning of these NPPs represented a significant financial and economical loss and ongoing burden which could not be fully covered by the Member States concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 4 Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

## Draft opinion

1. Notes that the polluter-pays principle should be applied to the financing of decommissioning operations and that nuclear operators should ensure that adequate financial resources to cover future decommissioning costs are set aside during the productive life of nuclear installations;

#### Amendment

1. Notes that the polluter-pays principle should be applied to the financing of decommissioning operations and that nuclear operators should ensure that adequate financial resources to cover future decommissioning costs are set aside during the productive life of nuclear installations; however, in these three cases the denial of the full operational life of early closed NPPs prevented the necessary finance from being set aside;

Or. en

Amendment 5 Zigmantas Balčytis

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that, because of the early closure of nuclear reactors in Lithuania,

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Slovakia and Bulgaria, the nuclear power station operators were unable to obtain sufficient funds to cover the decommissioning costs;

Or. lt

Amendment 6

Michèle Rivasi on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Fears that a lack of financial resources for decommissioning measures will delay the decommissioning of nuclear power plants and threaten the environment and human health;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Michèle Rivasi on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that, in a liberalised energy market, nuclear power plant operators, like every other competitor, must be fully responsible, legally and financially, for the consequences of their actions;

### **Amendment 8**

# Michèle Rivasi on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2

## Draft opinion

2. Notes that decommissioning operations can pose risks to public health and the environment if the necessary measures are not taken in time and that sufficient financial resources should therefore be *made available at the appropriate time* to ensure that the decommissioning of nuclear installations is carried out in conformity with safety standards;

### Amendment

2. Notes that decommissioning operations can pose risks to public health, *for this and future generations*, and the environment if the necessary measures are not taken in time and that sufficient financial resources should therefore be *generated and set aside during the operation of the facility* to ensure that the decommissioning of nuclear installations is carried out in conformity with safety standards;

Or en

Amendment 9 Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

### Amendment

2a. Notes that limited EU experience exists in the field of nuclear decommissioning, therefore stresses that the issue of safety is of utmost importance for the decommissioning of early closed NPPs in question and this should be respected in any future decisions by all parties involved;

# Amendment 10 Anni Podimata

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

## Amendment

2a. Notes that the environmental and social costs of the decommissioning procedures should be borne by investors and factored in when deciding on the deployment of nuclear energy;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Jean-Pierre Audy

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

## Draft opinion

3. Recognises the importance of sound and transparent management of financial resources, with appropriate external supervision, to ensure fair competition on the energy market;

### Amendment

3. Recognises the importance of sound and transparent management of financial resources, with appropriate external supervision, to ensure fair competition on the energy market; considers that, for the purpose of awarding contracts, it would be desirable to apply a criterion of Community reciprocity for the benefit of European enterprises, with the application in particular of the principles set forth in Article 58 of Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating, inter alia, in the energy sector;

Or. fr

# Amendment 12 Adina-Ioana Vălean

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

## Draft opinion

3. Recognises the importance of sound and transparent management of financial resources, with appropriate external supervision, to ensure fair competition on the energy market;

## Amendment

3. Recalls that EU allocated funds were not intended to cover the full cost of decommissioning or to compensate for all economic consequences; recognises the importance of sound and transparent management of financial resources, with appropriate external supervision, to ensure fair competition on the energy market; restates that the ultimate goal of closure and decommissioning of the 3 NPPs is safety;

Or. en

## Amendment 13

## Michèle Rivasi on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

## Draft opinion

3. Recognises the importance of sound and transparent management of financial resources, with appropriate external supervision, to ensure fair competition on the energy market;

## Amendment

3. Recognises the importance of sound and transparent management of financial resources, with appropriate external supervision, to ensure fair competition on the energy market; *recommends transparency and public participation in this field;* 

Amendment 14 Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the need to give priority to allocation of EU funds into decommissioning in itself, underlines the necessity for the three NPPs to submit a detailed final decommissioning plan, which is indispensable for drawing a financial scheme capable of avoiding risks and uncertainties:

Or. en

Amendment 15 Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Notes that decommissioning has a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative and competitive energy resources should be promoted and due consideration should be given to establishing compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 16 Vladimir Urutchev

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4. Notes that decommissioning has a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative and competitive energy resources should be promoted and due consideration should be given to establishing compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning;

### Amendment

4. Notes that *premature* decommissioning has a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative, *low emission* and competitive energy resources should be promoted *in coping with the negative consequences* and due consideration should be given to establishing *appropriate* compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning *up to the definite stage from where the three countries can bear the remaining costs by themselves*;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Ivailo Kalfin

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

## Draft opinion

4. Notes that decommissioning *has* a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative and competitive energy resources should be promoted and due consideration should be given to establishing compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning;

### Amendment

4. Notes that *early closure* decommissioning *have* a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative and competitive energy resources should be promoted and due consideration should be given to establishing compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning *in case of early closure*;

Or en

## **Amendment 18**

# Michèle Rivasi on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 4

## Draft opinion

4. Notes that decommissioning has a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative and competitive energy resources should be promoted and due consideration should be given to establishing compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning;

## Amendment

4. Notes that decommissioning has a direct impact on the energy resources (and their prices) of the Member States concerned; believes that the development of alternative and competitive energy resources should be promoted and due consideration should be given to establishing compensation mechanisms to cover the costs of decommissioning *and waste disposal*;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

# Amendment

4a. Stresses that enhanced coordination between the three programs is needed in order to ensure better planning of activities and sharing of experience gained amongst them; the European Union as a whole can also benefit from this experience as reactors are taken out of service at the end of their economic lives; therefore invites all parties involved to assure achievement and collection of best decommissioning practices and to ensure the best use of the experience and data gained amongst the other Member States with nuclear power plants;

### Amendment 20

# Michèle Rivasi on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for the introduction of insurance funded solely by the nuclear power plant operator, without State aid, to cover the operator's civil liability during the entire decommissioning period against unforeseen incidents or accidents;

Or. en

Amendment 21 Vladimir Urutchev

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Calls* on the Commission to explore possible ways to harmonise approaches to the funding of decommissioning in the EU, *taking into account the various strategies employed by the Member States*, without compromising the safety and security of the decommissioning process.

### Amendment

5. Taking into account the various strategies employed by the Member States, calls on the Commission to explore possible ways to harmonise approaches to the funding of decommissioning in the EU in order to ensure timely accumulation of needed financial resources, without compromising the safety and security of the decommissioning process.

Or. en

Amendment 22 Zigmantas Balčytis

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Amendment

5a. Considers that, if the decommissioning procedure is harmonised, account should be taken of the relevant administrative structures of the Member States, and the resource management procedure as such ought to be simplified;

Or. lt

Amendment 23 Adina-Ioana Vălean

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Regrets the lack of annual reports from the Commission to the European Parliament on the use of financial resources allocated for the decommissioning of these three nuclear power plants; calls the Commission to report on a yearly basis to the European Parliament and the Council on the use of these financial resources giving a complete and precise budget of the costs for decommissioning;