

**Question for written answer E-014393/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Status and conditions of EURATOM loan for the Ukraine nuclear power plant safety upgrade programme

1. The Commission stated in its reply to an MEP's open letter of April 2013 that a number of explicit conditions would be included in the EURATOM loan guarantee agreement for Ukraine's nuclear power plant safety upgrade programme. With regard to this, can the Commission provide a full list of these conditions?
2. The same letter also mentions that loan conditions will guarantee, among other things, 'the establishment of the environmental and social action plan, including the undertaking by the government of Ukraine to comply with international environmental conventions such as Espoo and Aarhus conventions'. At the 27th session of the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention in March 2013 it was officially acknowledged that Ukraine had not complied with the Convention in relation to the planned extension of two nuclear reactors at the Rivne NPP, and an official Committee Initiative has begun to investigate the case. In November 2013 the Ukrainian authorities disregarded the Espoo Convention once again with their decision on nuclear unit lifetime extension (at South Ukrainian NPP). Upgrades to all these units are to be financed from a EURATOM loan funding the Ukraine nuclear power plant safety upgrade programme¹. In the light of this, the Commission is asked to respond to the following:
 - a. What is the current status of the EURATOM loan to Ukraine? Has a final decision been made by the Commission? If so, when was this decision taken?
 - b. If further loan proceedings have been put on hold, what are the conditions that have to be met by Ukraine in order for the Commission to continue with loan preparations?
 - c. How will the Commission ensure that Ukraine is fully in compliance with international environmental conventions such as Aarhus and Espoo before receiving financial assistance through the EURATOM loan facility?

¹ <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2013/eia/ic/ece.mp.eia.ic.2013.2e.pdf>.