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to the Commission**

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Subject: Turkish nuclear power plant close to the Bulgarian border

According to recent articles published in Turkish and European media, Turkey has plans to build three new nuclear power plants, one of them near the town of Igneada, 12 km from the EU border, namely the Bulgarian-Turkish border near the village of Rezovo on the Black Sea.

The project for the construction of the nuclear power plant in Igneada is the third in line in the Turkish Government's plans, coming after the nuclear power plants in Akkuyu and Sinop.

This project is due to cause widespread concerns in Bulgaria about the possible negative impact on the economy, especially tourism, along the Black Sea coast and on the livelihood of the local community.

What information does the Commission have about these plans?

Does the Commission intend to raise this issue in the accession negotiations with Turkey?