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To: NGOs

Subject: Re: NGO meeting today

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Despite the difficulties of trying to meet yesterday, I am indeed glad that we keep in good contact and that we continue to receive from you useful input for our review. I also fully understand that the alternative which we proposed yesterday, i.e. to meet today evening at "neutral" ground at the premises of the EU Delegation in Taipei, was difficult to accommodate for most of you.

However, thanks to the efforts of ………… and…………, we will have a chance to meet at least with some of you on Saturday over a relaxed and informative dinner to which I am certainly looking forward with great pleasure.

I would sincerely like to thank you, also in the name of the European Commission as the initiator and organizer of the stress test peer review in Taiwan, for your continued cooperation. As you know, the **European Commission** ( <http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm> ) received from the Taiwanese governmental authorities the invitation to perform this review, which we now perform together with one of our nuclear advisory groups, the so-called ENSREG group of European regulators (<http://www.ensreg.eu> ).

Let me send you also a link to the European Commission **slides for discussion** which I wanted to share with you yesterday in order to explain our interest in this peer review in Taiwan ( <http://www.ensreg.eu/sites/default/files/Meeting%20with%20NGOs_0.pptx> ).

As you will see from these slides, the **European Commission energy policy** ( <http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear/index_en.htm> ) **is not to promote nuclear energy, but to ensure its safe use in those EU Member States where it is in use**.

The European Commission integrated energy and climate change policy focuses on promotion of energy efficiency, use of renewables and reduction of greenhouse gases ( <http://ec.europa.eu/energy/index_en.htm> ), see also slides).

Regarding nuclear, as said, our focus is on ensuring highest possible levels of safety. – The European Commission is neither a nuclear utility nor a nuclear regulator, but the European Union's energy policy maker aiming to develop an energy policy that achieves in its nuclear element the highest possible levels of nuclear safety.

Our interest in a peer review in Taiwan is to learn from non-European experiences in order to improve also on our side and integrate at the same time our efforts within the global community (in this case the nuclear safety community). After all, nuclear is a global issue of concern.

Further, in all our policy developments, we are firmly aware of the key role of integration of all stakeholders concerned in policy-related decision-making. Therefore, from the beginning, transparency and inclusion of a large variety of information sources was and is a key concern also in the stress tests peer reviews. I would be most interested to learn from you about proposals to further improve in this area which we could possibly include also in our Taiwan peer review.

I hope we can discuss about this and many other things over Saturday's dinner, and I am greatly looking forward to meeting many of you by then.

Our sincere thanks to …….. and……… for coordinating and for kindly arranging this Saturday's dinner.

See you soon in person,

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