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In relation to the construction of the Ostrovets nuclear power plant (NPP), the EU recalled that Belarusian authorities had agreed to develop a National Action Plan (NACp) to address the stress test recommendations and reminded that the Commission and European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) had consistently called on Belarusian authorities to ensure timely implementation of safety improvement measures in accordance with their safety significance. The importance of continued dialogue with ENSREG, in particular in formally sending the finalised NACp to ENSREG for review, was emphasized. The EU also noted that Gosatomnadzor (GAN) had accepted to become an observer in ENSREG, but regretted that GAN would not participate to ENSREG meetings until the licensing of Ostrovets NPP. The Belarusian authorities were disappointed with the EU position on the Espoo convention, devaluing Belarus' consistent efforts to ensure transparency regarding the construction, including Belarus' voluntary cooperation on stress tests. Belarus remained committed to continuing cooperation with the EU on nuclear safety. The stress test recommendations had been analysed and on that basis the NACp for implementation of the stress test peer review recommendations had been elaborated. Belarus would inform ENSREG once the NACp is made public on the website of GAN.

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