

Joint Press Release from the 2-nd Meeting of the Commission for the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Nuclear Power Plant Temelin (1.3.2001)

The second meeting of the Commission for the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Nuclear Power Plant Temelin was held on 1 March in Pruhonice with Participation of observers, representatives from Austria, observers and guests from Germany and consultants from the EC.

The Commission made large progress in completing the Scoping List, taking into consideration comments made by Austria and the advisory opinion submitted by the EC. The Scoping List is expected to be finalised within the next days and will then be made public. The Commission also decided that so-called "Reference Accidents" (taken from the Safety Analysis Report), will be addressed within the EIA procedure. The so-called "Severe Accidents" will be addressed in a separate forum, that will discuss this topic from the aspects of methodology, resulted evaluations and derived measures, within the timeframe of the Melk process and according to the joint declaration of Minister Kavan and Minister Molterer dating 12. February 2001.

The Commission also took decision on the structure of the main documents to be established during the various steps of the EIA procedure as guided by the EIA-Directive.

Finally, the Commission discussed actions to implement the public consultations required by the EIA-Directive and to be held within a timeframe April and May 2001. These topics will be the subject of further consultations with Austria and Germany.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for the end of March/ early April.