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No commissioning of Mochovce 3 & 4 before a comprehensive and independent review

Dear Minister Dr. Žiga,

As Chairperson of the Bundestag Committee on the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety working especially on nuclear policy, I am concerned about the safety of German nuclear reactors until their permanent shutdown in 2022. I already motioned for a faster shutdown of some of these German reactors. Nuclear disasters are uncontrollable per definition and have already shown their large scale effects. This is why I am also concerned with the security of reactors such as Mochovce 3 & 4, located only 400km away from the German border.

Of course, the best safety measure is not to build a nuclear power plant at all. But if a new reactor is to be commissioned, there is one requirement its safety design should absolutely fulfill: meeting the current state of science and technology. Given the fact that these two reactors are based on an outdated technology and taking into account the decades some equipment has spent dormant, adapting Mochovce 3 & 4 to actual standards appears as an improbable undertaking. The pictures and worker testimonies published in the beginning of April 2019 in the Slovak and Austrian press increase my fear that basic safety standards might not be met.

Therefore, I kindly ask you to initiate an independent review of Mochovce 3 & 4 including international experts. Before commissioning can even be considered, the compliance with current safety standards has to be analyzed and made public. If it turns out that these standards cannot be met, I call on you to immediately abandon any commissioning of these reactors.

Kind regards,

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