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 Subject: RE: Doel 3 international committee

Dear Professor Labeau -

Thank you for this information. It is good to have at least some idea of when our meeting will occur (for planning purposes). Some of my other colleagues here at the NRC, who are participating in the three international working groups, have been informed that they will be having a meeting in Brussels on 16th October. It seems from the information that I have that the meeting of our group will occur on a different date; is this also your understanding?

Be assured that, per your request, both I and the NRC will studiously avoid making any solicitations to comment from the media. I quite agree with your policy in this regard so that we may, as you say, fulfill our mission in an independent and peaceful way.

One question for you. At some point i recall I was asked to send a copy of my CV to FANC. Are you aware of this request and, if so, are you aware of any standardized format we should use.

I look forward to meeting you. If I can provide any assistance to you before our meeting please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards,

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 Subject: Doel 3 international committee

Dear Colleagues,

The Belgian Federal Agency for Nuclear Control has just officially published today on its website the names of the members of the international committee in charge of providing a recommendation on the future safe operation on the Doel 3 reactor.

I will have the honour to chair this committee and I am grateful to each of you, given your high expertise in the field, who accepted to fulfil this important mission to guarantee a safe operation of nuclear power plants in Belgium - and probably abroad as well.

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The first information I can give you today is the following: first feedback from investigations carried on on the reactor vessel of Tihange 2 has revealed similar anomalies as in Doel 3. Both vessels were delivered by the same manufacturer.

A recommendation I want to ask you to strictly follow is to politely refuse all solicitations from the media to comment on the committee's mission and work until the release of our final report. One or two hours after FANC posted the official composition of the committee on its website, I had already got two phone calls from journalists. Of course, the situation is probably currently more touchy in Belgium than in other countries (and Benedikt Martens and I will probably be more solicited), but this policy will help us keep an independent and peaceful way of fulfilling our mission.

I expect that our mission will really start at the time Electrabel delivers its report to FANC, at the end of September. Yet this calendar is not confirmed yet, and the observations made in Tihange could have an impact on this deadline.

I will anyway send you soon a few proposals of dates for a two-day meeting in Brussels, that we will try to schedule during the second half of October.

Looking forward to fruitfully collaborating together.

Yours sincerely,

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