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The Commission understands the concerns of the Honourable Member regarding the safety of the Astravets nuclear power plant. Given the current political situation, all bilateral relations with the authorities of Russia and Belarus have been suspended. The European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) completed a peer review of the post-Fukushima nuclear safety assessment 'stress tests' of the Astravets nuclear power plant in 2021 and issued safety improvement recommendations. The nuclear safety regulator of Belarus drew up a National Action Plan, updated in 2023¹, to implement these recommendations.

The Commission continues to monitor Belarus's progress in implementing the remaining safety improvement recommendations within the framework of relevant multilateral conventions adopted under the auspices the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), but it is not currently in a position to restart direct contacts with the Belarus authorities. The Commission, alongside and in support of the most impacted Member States follows closely the relevant developments also under the framework of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Espoo Convention and its Protocol).

The Commission will continue to maintain contacts with the IAEA, which has the mandate to promote the implementation of international nuclear safety standards worldwide, including in Belarus. The Commission uses as well existing international peer review mechanisms, notably during the 10th Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety in April 2026, to probe the implementation by Belarus of its obligations under this Convention.

¹ <https://gosatomnadzor.mchs.gov.by/znaniya-dlya-kazhdogo/biblioteka/>.