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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding planned wind farm called Rajala in Pajala Municipality, Norrbotten county

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies Finland regarding the plans for the windfarm "Rajala" in Pajala Municipality in Sweden.

Information on the project

The planned Rajala wind farm will include a maximum of 57 wind turbines, with a maximum total height of 300 metres. To enable the use of the best available technology at the time of construction, this consultation therefore presents a maximum total height that is higher than the height of commercially available turbines today. This maximum height (300 metres) will also apply in the forthcoming permit application. The investigation area for the Rajala wind farm covers approximately 5,800 hectares. The actual area, to be used for the wind turbines and associated infrastructure, will be specified during the project and optimized based on information obtained through studies, surveys, and feedback received during the consultation process.

An exhibition in the form of an open house will be held in Pajala at Folkets Hus on 25 June between 16:00 and 20:00 Swedish time. Finnish-speaking staff will be present for members of the public from Finland who wish to visit the exhibition.

Attached to this notification letter is information about the planned wind farm's location, scope and design and the preliminary content and design of the environmental impact assessment (EIA). Future permit applications with associated EIA will be designed based on what emerges during the consultations.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond **no later than the 5th of September 2025** at the latest and

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether Finland intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impact of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in Finland.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-25-031372 and “Rajala” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish and Finnish)

Cc.

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