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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-1492/98****by Hiltrud Breyer (V) to the Commission***(13 May 1998)**Subject: Mochovce*

Is the Commission aware that the nuclear power station blocks in Mochovce are based on outmoded Soviet technology without containment dating from the 1970s and that the installation was built over a long period with interruptions of several years on a site which was demonstrably unsuitable from the seismic and geological points of view, so that the installation is subject to a number of further incalculable risk factors?

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Will the Commission use the conclusions of the international Mochovce commission (Walkdown 2) as a basis for its future deliberations on the Mochovce nuclear power station?

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Is the Commission aware that the conversion of a WWER 440/213 reactor at such a late stage has never before been attempted and that the German authorities decided against such a conversion in the case of the Greifswald nuclear power station because the danger was too great and the operation could only have been financed by the tax-payer? The economically successful energy companies in Germany were not prepared to fund the elimination of the 201 safety defects, considering the operation too hazardous and uneconomic.

In the light of the liberalisation of the European electricity market, what effects will the supplying of electricity by the Greifswald-type Mochovce power station have on the European electricity market?

**Joint answer  
to Written Questions P-1465/98, E-1487/98, E-1488/98, E-1489/98,  
E-1490/98, E-1491/98, E-1492/98, E-1493/98 and E-1494/98  
given by Mr Van den Broek on behalf of the Commission**

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The nuclear safety aspects of the programme to modernise the Mochovce power station were examined in 1994 by the independent consultants Riskaudit, a joint venture between the German and French nuclear safety authorities Gesellschaft für Reaktorsicherheit (GRS) and Institut de protection et de sureté nucléaire (IPSN), following a loan application to Euratom/the EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development).

The Riskaudit survey provided an assurance that, providing the recommendations made were correctly and fully implemented, the Mochovce plant would be built, managed and operated in accordance with the same safety standards and practices applied in France and Germany.

The Riskaudit report concluded as follows: 'taking into account the existing situation at Mochovce and the implementation of approved measures proposed (...) it can be concluded that, on condition the IPSN-GRS recommendations are correctly and exhaustively dealt by the utility, the construction, management and operation of the plant will be in line with (...) Western safety requirements and practices.'