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FORATOM welcomes Finnish government's decision to build two more nuclear reactors in Finland

FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, welcomes the Finnish government's announcement yesterday that it agrees in principle to the construction of two more nuclear reactors in Finland.

If the decision is ratified by the Finnish parliament later in the year it will enable Finland to mitigate CO2 emissions, increase its domestic electricity production and be more energy independent, whilst at the same time sending a clear signal that political support for nuclear energy in Europe continues to increase.

Santiago San Antonio, Director General of FORATOM welcomed the news and placed it within a wider European context: "FORATOM applauds the Finnish government's decision on the two reactors. There are a further 6 under construction in Europe and ambitious new build plans in place in several European countries. The construction of these two new reactors would provide further proof of the growing political support for nuclear energy across Europe in response to vital security of supply, low-carbon economy and competitiveness imperatives."

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