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Two more nuclear reactors to be built in Finland

The Finnish parliament today confirmed that it has approved, with a clear majority, the applications submitted by TVO and Fennovoima for the construction of two more nuclear reactors in Finland, thereby ratifying the “decision in principle” that the Finnish government reached in April 2010.

The decision by the Finnish parliament will enable the country to reduce its CO₂ emissions and enhance its energy security and independence. It also provides further evidence of the growing political support for nuclear energy in Europe. Santiago San Antonio, Director General of FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, welcomed the news and placed it within a wider European context:

“We applaud the decision of Finland’s parliament. If you add the two new ones in Finland to the six already under construction and those in the construction pipeline in Europe, the total number of planned new reactors in Europe is around 30. This underlines the vital security of supply, CO₂ mitigation and competitiveness credentials of nuclear energy.”

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