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The Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network Steering Committee Meeting

Outcome of the 7th Review Meeting of the CNS

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General Information on the CNS 7th Review Meeting



- **7th Review Meeting (RM) – 27 March to 7 April 2017**
- **Officers** of the 7th Review Meeting
 - President of the RM: Mr Ramzi Jammal (Canada)
 - Vice–Presidents of the RM: Mr Georg Schwarz (Switzerland)
Mr Geoffrey Emi-Reynolds (Ghana)
- **77 out of 80** Contracting Parties (CPs) participated
- **79** CPs submitted National Reports
- **923** Participants

Major Common Issues

- Safety Culture
- International Peer Reviews
- Legal Framework and Independence of Regulatory Body
- Financial and human resources
- Knowledge management
- Supply Chain
- Managing the Safety of Ageing Nuclear Facilities and Plant Life Extension
- Emergency Preparedness
- Stakeholder Consultation & Communication

Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety (1/2)

- Analysis by the Special Advisor to the President of the 7th RM, of information provided by CPs (National Reports, responses to questions posed during the review process, and national presentations)
- CPs stated that they currently reflect the principles in their national requirements or will address them when embarking on a nuclear power programme
- A majority of CPs with nuclear power programmes did not face or expect issues in addressing the principles of the VDNS

Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety (2/2)

- Few CPs reported some technical issues as well as the lack of guidance in addressing the principles of the VDNS to their existing fleet
- CPs reaffirmed that the principles contained in the VDNS should continue to be reflected in the actions of Contracting Parties to strengthen nuclear safety
- CSS confirmed that technical elements of the VDNS are included in relevant SRs

Challenges faced by Non-NPP and Embarking Countries

- Special session to discuss how to secure improved participation by these CPs , including particular challenges faced them in complying with the obligations of the Convention
- Key challenges: limited national government support or commitment due to competing demands for resources, lack of understandings of the obligations of CPs, absence of legal infrastructure, shortage of suitably qualified and experienced personnel
- Measures identified: enhanced support through IAEA and regional groupings, workshops and expert missions, bilateral arrangements

Proposals to improve the processes of the CNS (1/2)

The discussions of the OEWG resulted in six recommendations which were presented to Contracting Parties in Plenary session and approved:

- Proposals to amend the CNS guidance documents (INFCIRC/572), i.e. addition of a new paragraph related to the VDNS in the introduction
- Starting with the 8th Review Meeting, the President should issue a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the changes to the review process.
- The Convention timeline should accommodate at most 2 topical plenary sessions.
- Subject to the availability of funds the Agency should consider coordinating and hosting regional Convention educational workshops for countries with no nuclear power reactors.

Proposals to improve the processes of the CNS (2/2)

Adopted recommendations:

- The Agency should conduct a **technical study and reviews the possibility of video conferencing** certain Country Group sessions using a secure platform as supplemental assistance to facilitate greater participation and inform the CPs of its findings
- For future RM the President should continue to **web-stream** the opening plenary session, the part of the final plenary session at which the final version of the Summary Report is adopted, and the press conference.

Timescale for the 8th Review Meeting

- Organizational Meeting: 17 October 2018
- Officers Turnover Meeting: 12 March 2019
- Deadline for submission of NRs: 15 August 2019
- Deadline for submission of Qs: 24 November 2019
- CNS Officers Meeting: 12 – 13 February 2020
- Deadline for Answers: 24 February 2020
- **8th Review Meeting:**
23 March – 3 April 2020

CNS public website: <http://nsweb2-dev.iaea.org/conventions/nuclear-safety.asp>

Thank you for your attention



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