The Peer Review and Advisory Services Committee (PRASC) and its work

Technical Meeting on Peer Reviews and Advisory Services in the Areas of Nuclear Safety and Security

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Operative paragraph 45 of GC (63)/RES/7

“Requests the Secretariat to continue to provide for and promote the regular interaction of the Peer Review and Advisory Services Committee with Member States and, in close consultation and coordination with Member States, continues to assess and strengthen the overall structure, effectiveness and efficiency of services within the purview of the Committee, and to report to the Board of Governors on the outcomes of this common effort”
Purpose and Program

• To share the results of the work of the Peer Review and Advisory Services Committee PRASC

• To enable the active interaction of (PRASC) with the Member States and have your feedback
The Peer Review and Advisory Services Committee (PRASC) was established in March 2016 to assess the overall structure, effectiveness and efficiency of all review (peer review and advisory) services offered by the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security.
Functions of PRASC

➢ To review existing services & identify similarities and differences
➢ To consider flexibility and efficiency, and a consistent approach;
➢ To define performance indicators to assess their efficiency and effectiveness
➢ To review the lessons learned and
➢ To advise on any proposed new type of peer review or advisory service
Members of PRASC

- PRASC is chaired by DDG NS and its members are all Directors in the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security and a Secretary of the committee
- It is supported by a Task Force
A comprehensive analysis of all NS Peer Review and Advisory Services was conducted.

Several areas:
- scope
- level
- safety standards involved
- beneficiaries of the services,
- process and management for the services
In August 2017, a first Technical Meeting was organised to share this work.

We also shared experience with the Member States that had utilised these services.

Several recommendations were identified and incorporated in the PRASC work objectives.
Outputs of PRASC´s Work

1. Enhanced Structure of Services
   • Clarifies and distinguishes between Peer Review, Advisory Services,
   • Also between Generic and Specific Peer Reviews

2. Harmonised definitions used by the Peer Review and Advisory Services, e.g. recommendation, suggestion, good practice
Outputs of PRASC Work

3. Review and approval process for services guidelines

4. Performance Indicators
   - A set of overarching Performance Indicators has been defined. These are:
     • Value of the report for the hosting organization
     • Objectivity and performance of the mission team
     • Readiness to conduct the mission
     • Status of implementation of recommendations and suggestions
5. Principles for Selection of Experts

6. Service’s Calendar.
   • The calendar has been improved.
   • Missions held as well as upcoming missions can be searched.
Final Words

PRASC has conducted a considerable work and carefully looked at the recommendations of the Technical Meeting in 2017.

Our work is conducted in cooperation and interaction with the Member States and it is an ongoing process.

Each Service continues to improve its effectiveness and efficiency.

We would like to have a good discussion and feedback from all meeting participants.
Thank you

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