

The Convention on Nuclear Safety

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Abstract

The Convention on Nuclear Safety was adopted in Vienna on June 17, 1994. The aim of the Convention is to legally commit participating States operating nuclear power plants to maintain a high level of safety. There are 78 Contracting Parties as of April 2016.

The objectives of the convention are:

- To achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety worldwide through the enhancement of national measures and international co-operation including, where appropriate, safety-related technical co-operation;
- Establish and maintain effective defences in nuclear installations against potential radiological hazards in order to protect individuals, society and the environment from harmful effects of ionizing radiation from such installations;
- Prevent accidents with radiological consequences and to mitigate such consequences should they occur.

The 7th review meeting will take place on March 27-April 7, 2017, Vienna, Austria. The president of the convention is Mr. Ramzi Jammal, Canada, with two Vice- presidents: Mr. Georg Schwarz, Switzerland and Mr. Geoffrey Emi-Reynolds, Ghana.

As President of the 7th Review Meeting, I am committed to: supporting strong review processes that achieve tangible improvements in nuclear safety, assisting countries with writing national reports by providing training or assistance as requested and by encouraging the use of a graded approach to report writing. I committed to follow up at the appropriate national level with Contracting Parties who do not meet their CNS obligations and who do not fully participate in the CNS process.