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After September 11th

- Need to Strengthen Nuclear Security
- New Threats identified
  - Global impact
  - Unpredictable, more sophisticated
  - Involving new challenges
- Tackling the new challenges requires (more) international cooperation

«Together we are Stronger»
Initial Considerations

Nuclear Security Today
Origin of ENSRA

ENSRA

European Nuclear Security Regulators Association

15 Member States

Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Netherland, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, United Kingdom, (soon Romania, Bulgaria, interest from Norway)

Founded October 2004

Goal

Information exchange of classified data between the member states regarding Physical Security of Nuclear Power Plants and Nuclear Material. Sharing experience in ‘Best Practice’ in order to maintain High Standards
Origin of ENSRA

Setting the Conditions for Cooperation

- Foundational agreement emphasized the association as forum for exchanges of professional opinions on different security subjects

- The association was not intended to represent the opinions of the different members states, but rather the views of the participants

- An aim existed to develop cooperation in common grounds with relevant international institutions (IAEA, EU, etc.) from an European perspective
Specific Challenges

Cooperation on Nuclear Security
Specific Challenges

Apparently converse needs

Protect security related information vs. Share information to cooperate effectively

- Need to develop common and shared goals
- Cooperation requires mutual confidence of all the participants
- Importance of developing regional cooperation frameworks
New ENSRA Approaches for Cooperation Fostering

- Secure web site

Capability for secure handling an exchange of sensitive information
New ENSRA Approaches for Cooperation Fostering

- Enhance the capability of developing suitable reference criteria to help members in implementing and improving national nuclear security frameworks
- Move to a bigger involvement of the high management of the agencies involved in ENSRA in association initiatives
- Reinforce the stable organizational structures of the association
- Emphasize cooperation activities with relevant international partners (IAEA, EU, etc.)
New ENSRA Approaches for Cooperation Fostering

- Develop common projects with practical purposes that most of the members could directly be benefited by e.g.:
  - Training
  - Technical support among members
  - Cooperation in peer review programs

- Emphasis in cultural aspects related to security (Reinforcing and disseminating “security culture”)

- Operational experience exchange in security topics. Enhance the ENSRA role to promote common and proactive solutions to existing and new challenges

- Allow for security cooperation with European countries without a nuclear power plant program but having relevant nuclear security related materials
The Way Forward

- New Terms of References (ToR) were developed to adjust ENSRA organizational structure and support capability
- Developing of reference levels and criteria for nuclear security framework improvement in member countries
- Strengthening cooperation with IAEA in fields like:
  - Training, including organization of regional courses
  - Promotion of Nuclear Security Centres of excellence
  - Developing pool of experts for peer review missions and training purposes
- Common position in NSGC if needed
- Initiate cooperation with WENRA
The Way Forward

Special projects for cooperation with EU:

- Development of procedures for trustworthiness checks that could be useful to facilitate access to vital areas in different EU countries
- Help the EU in the implementation and follow up of initiatives to improve nuclear security in Europe (i.e., the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Group on Nuclear Security created by the European Council in the aftermath of Fukushima accident)
- Develop, as far as possible, a common understanding amongst member countries of relevant and emerging security issues
- To seek for further cooperation in the field of radioactive sources security
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Public Website – soon available @ www.ensra.org
Questions?

Thank you for your attention!