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Manual for First Responders to a Radiological Emergency (EPR-First Responders)

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Background

- EPR-First Responders was published in 2006
- Since 2006, there have been changes in response capabilities, technology, and terminology, in addition to more recently published Safety Standards
- Draft development began Jan 2018 (DPP approved by CC March 2018)
- Training course for first responders is being revised as well
- Online module options are being considered to supplement existing training based on feedback from past lecturers and course participants
Scope

- Target audience is all first responders to a radiological emergency
- Limited scope review
- Due to high interest in the revision, additional activities are being scheduled to allow for more member states to participate in the process
Scope

• Limited scope revision on the following topics:
  – Terminology and conceptual updates taking into account recently published EPR Safety Standards
  – New technologies available to first responders;
  – Practical aspects impacting the medical response and decontamination process;
  – Generic and operational criteria for public protection and for protecting emergency workers;
  – Practical aspects of communication with the public taking into account relevant EPR technical guidance;
  – Updates aimed to facilitate effective first response.
Activities

- Three consultancies in 2018 (March, July, September)
  - In March, received input from five external experts
  - In July, received input from nine external experts
  - In September, received input from eight external experts
- Discussions with NSNS for security related topics
- Review with external experts has been completed
Next steps

- Currently reviewing within the IEC and resolving comments
- Goal is to submit manual and training materials for publication by the end of Q3 2019
- After approval, the next step will be translation of the manual and training materials

- Upcoming event: Consultancy for expert review of EPR-First Responders training materials in a practical setting, 29 July-2 Aug, France
This presentation is to note the current status of the revision. No action is requested at this time.
Thank you!