Feedback from the CNS Diplomatic Conference

Agenda item NW 5.1

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The Swiss Confederation submitted a proposal to amend the CNS, the “Swiss proposal” – December 2013

“Nuclear power plants shall be designed and constructed with the objectives of preventing accidents and, should an accident occur, mitigating its effects and avoiding releases of radionuclides causing long-term off-site contamination. In order to identify and implement appropriate safety improvements, these objectives shall also be applied to existing plants.”
Decision about the Diplomatic Conference

6th Review Meeting – 24 March to 4 April 2014

• Diplomatic Conference will be organized early next year (IAEA as Depository of the CNS should prepare a set of rules and procedures for organizing the DC).

• Consultation meeting open to all Contracting Parties will be organized at least 90 days prior to the first day of the Diplomatic Conference to exchange views and prepare for the adoption of the rules of procedure.
Preparation for the Diplomatic Conference

• The Consultation meeting was organized on 15 October 2014.

• To facilitate preparations for the Diplomatic Conference, an Informal Working Group was established, chaired by Ambassador Grossi.

• 8 IWG meetings were organized during the period from July 2014 to February 2015.

• During these meetings, Contracting Parties discussed draft rules of procedure, related organizational issues, and the substance of the Swiss Proposal.
CPs concluded that it would not be possible to reach consensus on the proposed amendment.

CPs developed and adopted, by consensus, the “Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety”.
Diplomatic Conference (con’t)

• CNS “Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety” (INFCIRC/872)
  
  • “New nuclear power plants are to be designed, sited, and constructed, consistent with the objective of preventing accidents in the commissioning and operation and, should an accident occur, mitigating possible releases of radionuclides causing long-term off site contamination and avoiding early radioactive releases or radioactive releases large enough to require long-term protective measures and actions.
  
  • Comprehensive and systematic safety assessments are to be carried out periodically and regularly for existing installations throughout their lifetime in order to identify safety improvements that are oriented to meet the above objective. Reasonably practicable or achievable safety improvements are to be implemented in a timely manner”.
The Contracting Parties to the CNS requested the IAEA Director General to:

“Transmit this Declaration to the IAEA Commission on Safety Standards for its consideration with the four safety standards committees under its aegis, of the technical elements contained therein with a view to incorporating them as appropriate into the relevant IAEA Safety Standards”.

Time schedule for the 7th Review Meeting

• Organizational Meeting: 15 October 2015
• Officers Turnover Meeting: 15 March 2016
• Deadline for submission of NRs: 15 August 2016
• Deadline for submission of Qs: 28 November 2016
• CNS Officers Meeting: 8 – 9 February 2017
• Deadline for Answers: 20 February 2017

7th Review Meeting: 27 March – 7 April 2017

Thank you for your attention

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