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DDG-NS introductory remarks

- Without Safety and Security, it is not possible to develop the use of nuclear technology.
- The role of the Agency, and particularly of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security in cooperation with the Department of Technical Cooperation, is to assist Member States to develop the uses of nuclear technology in a safe, secure and sustainable way.
- To this goal, NS Department develops Safety Standards and Security Guidances with the engagement of all MSs and also with the participation of the principle stakeholders: Regulatory Bodies, Operators, Transporters, Producers...
- The scope of Safety Standards and Security Guidances covers all uses of nuclear technology: medical uses, industry, radioactive sources producers/providers, agriculture, mining, waste, nuclear power production...
- The level of Safety and Security in a given MS must not depend on the GDP. There is no such concept as safety/security for developing country versus safety/security for developed countries. Safety and security gradation depends on the more or less developed uses of nuclear technology (graded approach / level of risk).
- To assist MS in implementing Safety Standards and Security Guidance, the Agency (NS+TC) propose/conduct training courses and advisory services, including Peer review services in all fields covered by our documents. The basis for these services is as a rule, our Standards and Guides.
- Radioactive Sources are present in all segments of most economies (medicine, agriculture, industry...) this is why we have developed a Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, to which we invite MSs to subscribe, and we organise regularly an International conference on the safety and security of radioactive sources. The Next Conference will take place in Abu Dhabi, UAE on 27-31 October 2013.
- Given the increased recognition of the importance of Nuclear Security in all uses of nuclear technology, we organise in July the first Ministerial International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts, in Vienna from 1 to 5 July this year.