

TERMS OF REFERENCE

International Nuclear Safety Group

1. The International Nuclear Safety Group (INSAG) is a group of experts with high professional competence in the field of safety working in regulatory organizations, technical support organisations, research and academic institutions and the nuclear industry. INSAG will be convened under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) with the objective to provide authoritative advice and guidance on nuclear safety approaches, policies and principles. In particular, INSAG will provide recommendations and opinions on current and emerging nuclear safety issues to the IAEA, the nuclear community and the public.

Scope and Functions

2. INSAG shall address fundamental safety issues as well as current and emerging matters of importance relevant to the safety of facilities and activities¹. INSAG shall address issues relevant to nuclear security insofar as they relate to nuclear safety.
3. Within this scope, INSAG shall:
 - (a) identify important current and emerging safety issues and aim to draw conclusions on the basis of results of safety activities worldwide, and other information such as research and development results;
 - (b) provide a forum for the exchange of information on generic safety issues of international significance relevant to facilities and activities;
 - (c) recommend the underlying principles upon which appropriate safety standards and measures should be based and applied;
 - (d) identify issues on which an exchange of information and/or additional international efforts would be required;
 - (e) address generic safety issues of international importance, at the request of the Director General of the IAEA; and
 - (f) Advise upon request, on the development and implementation of the IAEA nuclear safety strategy.

Membership

4. INSAG shall have at least 11 and no more than 18 members, including a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons. The members of INSAG shall be appointed by the Director General of the IAEA for a four year period.
5. Members shall participate in INSAG in their personal capacity and shall not represent their Governments or organizations. Their participation shall not be delegated.

Working Methods

6. INSAG shall determine its own working procedures.
7. INSAG may establish task groups composed of INSAG members and/or other recognized experts to study specific problems. The terms of reference and membership of such groups shall be determined by INSAG.

¹ **Facilities and Activities** A general term encompassing nuclear facilities, uses of all sources of ionizing radiation, all radioactive waste management activities, transport of radioactive material and any other practice or circumstances in which people may be exposed to radiation from naturally occurring or artificial sources.

8. The chairperson of INSAG shall act as the spokesperson of INSAG in communicating its views to the international nuclear community, the media and the public. The recommendations and opinions of INSAG shall, at the request of INSAG, be published through the IAEA.
9. The chairperson shall periodically inform the Director General of the completed, ongoing and planned work of INSAG.
10. The chairperson of INSAG will invite to its meeting the Deputy Director General of the IAEA's Department of Nuclear Safety and Security and other designated representatives of the IAEA Secretariat.
11. Meetings of INSAG shall be convened by its chairperson through notifications to be issued by the Scientific Secretary. There shall normally be two meetings of INSAG per year.
12. Task groups shall meet as necessary to accomplish their designated task(s).
13. Meetings of INSAG and task groups shall be conducted in English.

Secretariat, Administrative Support and Costs

14. The Scientific Secretary and administrative services for INSAG and its task groups shall be provided by the IAEA Secretariat.
15. The travel and living expenses of INSAG members attending meetings of INSAG and of experts attending meetings of task groups shall, whenever possible, be borne by their respective organizations.