

## **Regional workshop on denials of shipment of radioactive material for Asia and the Pacific held in Beijing, China from 11 to 13 June**

### Main results

Forty-seven participants from eighteen countries and five international organizations attended the workshop. The International Steering Committee on Denial of Shipments of Radioactive Material (ISC), set up by the IAEA in 2006, was represented by Mr J. Edlow, Chairman, and Mr P. Gray Vice-Chairman. The IAEA Secretariat was represented by Messrs. K. Mrabit and Y. Zhao.

In summary, the participants:

- confirmed that the problem of denials continued to exist and grow in the region;
- stressed the importance of successful communication and strong cooperation between the Steering Committee, the IAEA, the UN and International Modal Organizations, trade associations, regional networks, and the National Focal Points in each country to lead to better understanding and resolution of the problem;
- emphasised the need to gather hard evidence of instances of denial to provide better data and information from which to arrive at solutions to the problems and to quantify the extent of the problem and measure success in this area;
- agreed that regional ownership and the creation of a network was important to enable them to solve region-specific issues and to work with other regional networks and the ISC to resolve higher level issues;
- created a regional Action Plan centred around six areas: awareness, training, communication, lobbying, economic, and harmonization, drawing on the action plan of the ISC to provide actions that were specific to the region;
- approved coordinators from Australia, China and India to coordinate the implementation of the regional Action Plan and the establishment of the Regional Network; and
- Requested the Secretariat to take further opportunities to highlight the importance of the denial issues in the regions at the next meeting of the General Conference (Sept 2008).