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**SEVENTH MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED UNDER THE
CONVENTION ON EARLY NOTIFICATION OF A
NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AND THE CONVENTION ON
ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT
OR RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY****REPORT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING****Summary**

The Seventh Meeting of Competent Authorities was convened by the IAEA Secretariat at IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria from 19 to 23 May 2014. Ms L. Hubbard, Chairperson of the IAEA's Emergency Preparedness and Response Expert Group (EPREG) chaired the meeting. A total of 121 participants from 68 States and 6 international intergovernmental organizations attended the Meeting.

The Meeting reviewed the conclusions and outcomes from the Sixth Meeting, took note and welcomed reports on activities since the Sixth Meeting on recent developments in nuclear safety, nuclear security and radiation protection as well as on much needed nuclear safety/security integration in emergency response.

The Meeting acknowledged the opportunity for competent authorities and regional representatives to provide information on various relevant topics related to their national emergency preparedness and response programmes – in total 46 national EPR reports were received and 19 were presented at the Meeting. In addition, six regional reports were also presented. The Representative of Japan presented the current situation at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. Four Member States and one international organization presented their exercise and training programmes. The Meeting appreciated the information presented and proposed that similar opportunities for information sharing are scheduled at the Eighth Competent Authorities Meeting.

The Meeting acknowledged the importance of collaboration on emergency preparedness and response among competent authorities, both within and between the regions, and noted that for some regions this collaboration can also be facilitated by the NCACG representatives. Finally, the Meeting agreed to keep the NCACG in reserve; however, the regions may assist the IEC as required in preparing the 2016 Competent Authority Meeting.

The Meeting discussed the assessment and prognosis process in an emergency and emphasized the importance of continuing collaboration between the IAEA Secretariat and Member States to explore challenges and limitations in its implementation.

Finally, the IAEA's goals and challenges in the next two years regarding emergency preparedness and response were presented and discussed.

The Meeting completed all agenda items and, in total, 23 meeting conclusions were endorsed.

The Eighth Competent Authorities Meeting will be held from 23 to 27 May 2016.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Seventh Meeting of Representatives of Competent Authorities (CAs) identified in accordance with the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident (Early Notification Convention) and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency (Assistance Convention) took place in Vienna from 19 to 23 May 2014 at the invitation of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
2. Some 115 representatives of competent authorities from 68 States, and 6 representatives from international intergovernmental organizations attended the Seventh Meeting. The list of participants is attached in Appendix I.
3. The following documents were prepared and made available to participants¹ prior to the Meeting.

Meeting Documents

CAM/DOC/2014/00	Provisional Meeting Agenda
CAM/DOC/2014/01	Report on CA Meeting's Conclusions 2012
CAM/DOC/2014/02	Report on NCACG's Activities
CAM/DOC/2014/03	Report on IEC's Activities
CAM/DOC/2014/04	IAEA Assessment and Prognosis
CAM/DOC/2014/05	ConvEx-3 (2013) – Exercise Report
CAM/DOC/2014/06	Nuclear Safety and Security Integration in EPR – Benefits and Challenges
CAM/DOC/2014/07	International Radiation Monitoring Information System (IRMIS)
CAM/DOC/2014/08	Arrangements for Communicating during Incidents and Emergencies
CAM/DOC/2014/09	Implementation of the Assistance Convention

4. The following Meeting side events were also prepared and conducted: regional CA meetings, the third regular RANET meeting, a display of IAEA standards, guidelines and tools in emergency preparedness and response (EPR) and workshops on plume modelling, the IAEA assessment and prognosis process, communications in emergencies (through the Unified System for Information Exchange in Incidents and Emergencies [USIE]) and data visualization in IRMIS.
5. All Meeting presentations and all national EPR reports are available on USIE.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. Mr D. Flory, Deputy Director General of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (DDG-NS) opened the Meeting and expressed the IAEA's appreciation for the wide range of cooperation in providing experts and resources to the IAEA for implementation of its programme in nuclear safety and security. On behalf of the IAEA, he expressed gratitude to Morocco for extending full support and cooperation in the preparation and successful conduct of the ConvEx-3 (2013) exercise. He emphasized the importance of nuclear safety and nuclear security interfaces, in particular, with regard to response to an emergency triggered by a nuclear security event. He also pointed out that this will be the first Competent Authorities Meeting to have States present national EPR reports. Mr D. Flory stressed the importance of Member States' involvement in the implementation of the IAEA's

¹ Documents are available on the USIE website.

extended mandate on assessment and prognosis during a nuclear or radiological emergency as part of the implementation of the Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. He concluded his opening address by wishing fruitful discussions and a successful week.

7. Ms E. Buglova, Head, Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC) of the IAEA, warmly welcomed the participants and introduced Ms L. Hubbard as chairperson of the meeting. Ms L. Hubbard is currently chairperson of the IAEA's Emergency Preparedness and Response Expert Group (EPREG), a senior emergency preparedness and response advisory group providing advice to the DDG-NS.

8. Ms L. Hubbard expressed her appreciation for being given the opportunity to chair such an important meeting. She encouraged the participants to actively participate in meeting discussions and contribute to strengthening worldwide EPR.

9. Mr R. Martincic, Scientific Secretary of the Meeting, presented the Meeting's objectives and expectations and explained the Meeting's logistics. He emphasized that this is not a meeting of the Parties to the Early Notification and Assistance Conventions but a technical meeting of representatives of competent authorities identified according to both conventions. Since EPR is universal, all States and relevant international organizations were invited to attend the Meeting.

10. Ms L. Hubbard presented the provisional meeting agenda, proposed inclusion of the Russian EPR presentation on 20 May 2014 and asked for any further corrections. The representative from Turkey raised a concern related to the planned parallel sessions, which would make attendance to all Meeting events practically impossible. Ms E. Buglova explained that the meeting programme and schedule was developed to include a maximum number of activities within the given time in one week. The point of parallel meeting events was noted and the Chair announced the adoption of the proposed meeting agenda (see Appendix II).

2. REPORTS TO THE MEETING

11. Mr R. Martincic presented the summary of the IAEA Secretariat's response to the twenty-one conclusions endorsed at the Sixth Competent Authorities Meeting held in 2012. The IAEA Secretariat implemented 13 conclusions; 3 conclusions did not require any specific action; the implementation of 4 conclusions is in progress, while the implementation of 1 conclusion has not yet been initiated. He also explained that implementation of four conclusions regarding NCACG will be presented and discussed later during the week.

12. Mr G. Macsuga, National Competent Authorities' Coordinating Group (NCACG) Chair, presented the report on the NCACG activities since the Sixth Competent Authorities Meeting in 2012. He summarized the implementation progress of the tasks listed in the NCACG work plan and described the additional tasks undertaken by the NCACG in preparing for the Seventh Competent Authorities Meeting, e.g. reviewing national EPR reports, summarizing and presenting regional EPR issues and challenges. In addition, he informed the Meeting on topics that are to be discussed at the regional competent authorities meetings scheduled for Wednesday, 21 May 2014, including discussions on merging the Eastern and Western European regions.

13. Ms E. Buglova presented on relevant IEC activities since 2012 ranging from EPREV services, the development of EPR standards, guidelines, tools and operational documents, capacity building in EPR and enhancing IAEA's response arrangements and capabilities.

14. Mr V. McClelland, United States of America (USA) Department of Energy, former Chair of the Working Group on Long-Term Sustainability of Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme, presented on the implementation progress of recommendations prepared under the International Action Plan for Strengthening the International Preparedness and Response System for Nuclear and Radiological Emergencies (2004–2009).

15. Mr G. Caruso, Special Coordinator, Nuclear Safety Action Team, presented on the implementation progress, key achievements and future challenges of the Action Plan on Nuclear

Safety. He identified Member States and international organizations as the main stakeholders contributing to the successful progress of the Action Plan. Almost 180 experts from 40 Member States and international organizations, including IAEA staff, participated in its implementation.

16. The Meeting noted all five reports and welcomed the work done. In the discussions that followed, representatives of competent authorities from Iran, Japan, Nigeria and the USA took part. The issues raised were the comprehensive report on the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident, the increasing number of peer review missions and their effectiveness, the lack of activity from the NCACG and the announcement of topics that will be covered under agenda item five – sharing of experiences.

3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE EXPERT GROUP

17. Ms E. Buglova presented the background for the establishment of the IAEA's EPREG, a standing body of senior experts with high professional competence and demonstrated leadership in EPR. The group's objective is to strengthen and sustain sound preparedness for nuclear and radiological incidents and emergencies by providing advice to the DDG-NS. The group comprises 18 experts from all regions and was established on 11 February 2013. She also briefed the Meeting on EPREG activities since its inception.

18. The representatives of the competent authorities of China, India, Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and South Africa participated in the discussion that followed the presentation. Questions were raised regarding the mechanism for providing advice and giving feedback on the views of competent authorities (EPREG members act in their personal capacity and do not represent Member States or regions), mechanisms for sharing information on EPREG activities (EPREG is the DDG-NS advising body), terms of expert appointment for EPREG members and connections between EPREG members and the NCACG (no connections). These issues were addressed either by Ms E. Buglova or by Ms L. Hubbard.

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND SECURITY

19. Mr J. Lyons, Director, Division of Nuclear Installation Safety at Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (NSNS) presented highlights, issues and challenges in nuclear safety. Ms R.L. Evans, Division of Nuclear Security, presented on nuclear security and Mr P. Miroslav, Section Head in the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, gave a presentation on radiation safety after the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident.

20. Mr L. Castle, Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and member of EPREG, presented challenges and benefits of nuclear safety and nuclear security integration.

21. In the discussions that followed, the Meeting Chair and representatives of the competent authorities from France, Ghana, Iran, Japan, Norway, Tunisia, the USA and Sudan raised questions and gave comments regarding the cross-cutting nature of EPR, the prevention of incidents and emergencies, the interface between nuclear safety and security, the safety authorities in Japan, the IAEA's view on addressing the effects of low level radiation exposure in the safety standards and the concept of being 'safe'. The Meeting took note of the presentations and the associated issues and comments that were raised.

5. SHARING OF EXPERIENCES – LESSONS LEARNED IN EPR

22. Mr F. Baciú, IEC, presented on recent IAEA assistance missions, Mr H.B. Okyar, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD/NEA), presented a survey on emergency management issues and lessons and key findings and Ms Z. Carr, World Health Organization (WHO), reported on EPR lessons learned in WHO.

23. Mr N. Ichii, International Affairs Division, Nuclear Regulation Authority of Japan (NRA) presented the current status of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and EPR activities in Japan.

24. The representatives of the competent authorities of Finland, Hungary, Tunisia, Ukraine and the USA, as well as the Meeting Chair and the representative of WHO, participated in the discussion that followed these presentations. The following subjects were raised: iodine tablet distribution policy, the time frame for the WHO's publication on iodine prophylaxis, the emergency response plan on possible emergencies related to the large volume of contaminated water stored at the Fukushima Daiichi site, the current funding mechanisms for assistance missions, the relationship between WHO and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the role of the Japanese NRA in 'peace time' and during a nuclear emergency, improvements in Japan EPR capabilities, frequently repeated industrial radiography accidents and the way to decrease the number of such events.

6. NATIONAL EPR REPORTS

25. National EPR Reports – **regional overviews**. Ms H. Aaltonen, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Finland, presented the Nordic approach to EPR; Ms A. Hammou, Tunisia, summarized EPR issues in Africa, Mr M.N. Hussain, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority, prepared an overview for the Asia Pacific region; Mr V. McClelland presented an overview for North America; Ms C. McMahon, Radiation Protection Institute of Ireland, presented an EPR overview for Europe (Western and Eastern European region) and Mr P. Jerez Vegueria, National Centre for Nuclear Safety, Cuba, presented an overview for Latin America and the Caribbean.

26. In the discussion that followed, Competent Authority representatives of Australia, Canada, Iran and Tunisia raised questions and comments regarding monitoring stations, established European EPR capabilities, the number of countries in the Asia Pacific region (29 countries) and the number of national EPR reports received from the Asia Pacific region, availability of national EPR reports and civil liability and compensation issues.

27. National EPR Reports – **national overviews**. National EPR reports were presented by Algeria (Mr S. Chelbani), Australia (Mr L. Castle), Belgium (Mr C. Vandecasteele), Bulgaria (Ms M. Nizamska), Canada (Mr P. Webster), Chile (Ms L. Villanueva), China (Mr P. Xu), Czech Republic (Ms D. Drabova), France (Mr L. Kueny), Germany (Mr E. Wirth), Indonesia (Mr H. Suharyanta), Ireland (Ms C. McMahon), Netherlands (Mr W. Molhoek), Mali (Mr N. Kone), Nigeria (Mr I. Sambo), Norway (Ms E. Holo), the Russian Federation (Mr A. Erastov), South Africa (Mr T. Motsumi), Sudan (Mr M. Y. Hamadalneel), Sweden (Ms L. Hubbard) and the USA (Mr V. McClelland).

28. The competent authority representatives from the following States participated in the discussions following the national reports: Australia, Cuba, Iran, Ireland, South Africa, Nigeria, Norway and the USA.

29. Ms L. Hubbard thanked all presenters and noted that the reports focused on different EPR aspects, some on EPR issues and challenges and others on national EPR systems depending on the scale of the national nuclear/radiological programmes (substantial, medium, small).

30. The discussions that followed the presentations covered issues and challenges in preparing and sharing national EPR reports and the way forward in this respect, the competent authority

representatives of the following States expressed their opinions: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and the USA. The opinions ranged from strong support to continue with the national EPR reports because they present a valuable source of information, experiences and good practices (expressed mainly by countries with medium or small nuclear/radiological programmes) to those that were questioning the value and purpose of these reports (expressed mostly by countries with highly developed nuclear programmes) stating that such reports are not required under the Early Notification and Assistance Conventions, that Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety already need to prepare reports under chapter 16, and that they are not in favour of creating a new reporting mechanism. Some representatives proposed to have topical discussions instead of general presentations on national EPR systems. The discussion on the availability of current national EPR reports resulted in a conclusion that all reports will be made available to all competent authorities through the USIE website. No explicit decision has been made regarding the future of national EPR reports, however, a tendency to have topical EPR discussions at the next competent authorities meeting prevailed.

7. EXERCISES AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN EPR

31. Mr G. Winkler, IEC, presented an evaluation (analyses and trends) of ConvEx-1 and 2 exercises conducted in recent years. In this regard, there are two key issues: (1) a relatively high number of nonworking communication channels with the competent authorities and (2) 20–30% of Contact Points have never responded to any ConvEx message. In the brief discussions that followed, representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Australia, Iran and Japan, took part with questions and comments.

32. The ConvEx-3 (2013) exercise, held in November and hosted by Morocco, was designed to allow Member States and international organizations to evaluate their response to a severe radiological emergency triggered by a nuclear security event and to identify EPR areas requiring improvement.

33. Ms I. Soufi, CNESTEN, Morocco, presented a ConvEx-3 (2013) national exercise report summarizing national exercise preparation, the exercise scenario and an evaluation of the exercise, including key lessons identified and EPR areas needing improvements.

34. Mr R. Martincic presented the international part of the ConvEx-3 (2013) summarizing overall exercise conclusions and recommendations. Fifty-nine Member States, including Morocco, and ten international organizations, including the Agency, participated in the exercise. The participation of relevant international organizations (including INTERPOL and Europol) contributed to the harmonized international response and the provision of consistent public information.

35. Comparing the ConvEx-3 (2013) conclusions with the conclusions from the ConvEx-3 (2005) and ConvEx-3 (2008), it is clear that: (1) improvement has been achieved in the way information is exchanged/shared, (2) substantial progress has been made in the coordination of public information among the international organizations, and (3) not much improvement (if any) has been achieved in consulting/sharing information on protective and other response actions, particularly among neighbouring Member States.

36. Effective cooperation with the Moroccan Government in preparing, conducting and evaluating the exercise contributed to the improvement of emergency preparedness to respond to radiological emergencies worldwide. The representative from the USA observed that it was certainly a challenge to prepare and conduct the first ConvEx-3 exercise that was not based on a nuclear power plant scenario but on a radiological emergency triggered by nuclear security events and Morocco is to be commended.

37. Belgium (Mr C. Vandecasteele), Bulgaria (Ms M. Nizamska), Hungary (Mr G. Mascuga) and Portugal (Mr J.O. Martins) presented their national exercise and training programmes in EPR. Representatives of the competent authorities of Australia, Germany and Luxemburg took part in the discussion that followed.

38. Mr H.B. Okyar, OECD/NEA, presented a series of International Nuclear Emergency Exercises (INEX) that started as early as 1993 with the INEX-1 exercise. At present, the NEA is preparing an INEX-5 exercise based on a nuclear power plant event, exacerbated by a natural disaster. In the discussion that followed, Mr H.B. Okyar replied to one comment (IEC) and one question (India).

39. The Meeting Chair agreed to amend the meeting agenda with a presentation on the Mexican radiological emergency of December 2013. Mr A. Cortes Carmona, Nuclear Safety and Safeguards National Commission, described the theft of a vehicle carrying a 111 TBq (3000 Ci) ⁶⁰Co teletherapy unit and summarized the Mexican response and recovery operations.

8. NCACG MATTERS

40. Regional representatives summarized discussions and conclusions from regional competent authorities meetings: Africa (Ms A. Hammou), Asia Pacific (Mr M.N. Hussain), Eastern and Western Europe (Ms C. McMahon), Latin America (Mr Jerez Vegueria), North America & Mexico (Mr J. Fladeboe).

41. The Eastern and Western European regions that held a joint regional meeting decided to merge the two regions into one region, called 'region of Europe' or 'European region'.

42. The regions of Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa and Latin America selected their new NCACG representatives.

43. The opinions regarding the future of the NCACG spanned from 'no need to continue' (Australia and the USA), to 'put on ice' (European and Latin America regions), to 'keep it' (Africa and Asia Pacific regions).

44. Mr G. Macsuga, presented NCACG issues and challenges stressing that regions are of very different sizes, in number of countries as well as in nuclear programmes, and have different regional priorities and different regional visions on NCACG's future. But he also pointed out that regional and interregional communications are, and should be, common for all regions and that NCACG can play a significant role in these communications.

45. The representatives of the following States took part in the discussions that followed, expressing their opinions and proposals: Australia, Chile, China, France, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sudan, Tunisia and the USA. Finally, the Meeting agreed that the structure of regional representatives be kept in reserve (see Conclusion CAM-2014/13). As a result of this discussion, neither a new NCACG Chairperson, nor regional representatives were selected by the Meeting.

9. EARLY NOTIFICATION CONVENTION – PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

46. Mr G. Winkler, IEC, presented the practical implementation arrangements for the Early Notification Convention, including the current status of Parties, number of designated competent authorities and points of contact, diverse communication channels for notifications and information exchange/sharing including USIE, current communication arrangements (IEComm, IRIX) as well as communication issues (States that have not yet designated Contact Points, non-working communications).

47. The representatives of Chile, Finland and Japan took part in the discussion with their views and ideas to further enhance USIE features, e.g. to include information on the country's protective actions decisions in an emergency, basic information regarding nuclear power plants, country specific emergency preparedness zones and distances, protection strategies, etc. The Meeting took note of those communications issues and urged States to implement the established communication arrangements.

10. ASSISTANCE CONVENTION – PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

48. Mr P. Kenny, IEC, presented aspects and arrangements of the practical implementation of the Assistance Convention together with open issues and challenges, current status of Parties and registrations of National Assistance Capabilities in RANET, the current RANET publication (EPR-RANET 2013), the RANET database on USIE and RANET workshops. He also presented issues and possible solutions in financing assistance missions, and the development of guidelines on minimum assistance compatibility requirements.

49. The following States participated in the discussion and required additional clarifications or expressed their views regarding open issues: Australia, Belgium, France, India, Iran, Japan and Norway. The key issues discussed were the concept of a 'Special Assistance Fund' and the establishment of minimum assistance compatibility guidelines.

11. IAEA EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND PROGNOSIS

50. Mr J. Chaput, IEC, presented and explained current arrangements, challenges and limitations in providing Member States, international organizations and the general public with timely, clear, factually correct, objective and easily understandable information during a nuclear or radiological emergency, including the analysis of available information and the prognosis of likely event progression and potential consequences. He stressed that a critical set of technical parameters will need to be exchanged between an 'Accident State' and the IAEA Secretariat if the assessment and prognosis process is to produce useful results. States operating nuclear power reactors were encouraged to prepare for providing the IAEA Secretariat with the relevant technical data for easier implementation of the assessment and prognosis process.

51. The representatives from Australia, Bulgaria, China, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Norway, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the USA took part in the discussions and expressed their views and concerns. The Meeting took note of the process and emphasized the importance of continuing collaboration between the IAEA Secretariat and Member States and that the IAEA emergency assessment and prognosis capabilities should be built on Member States' capabilities. Member States with relevant capabilities were urged to register their capabilities for assessment and prognosis in RANET.

12. IAEA GOALS AND CHALLENGES IN EPR

52. Mr J.-F. Lafortune, IEC, explained the concept of the EPR Capacity Building Centres (CBCs). Following the presentation, representatives of Norway and the USA raised several considerations in relation to the interface of such CBCs with the RANET CBC in Fukushima Prefecture, as well as with similar activities undertaken within the IAEA Secretariat in other areas (nuclear security, radiation and transport safety and nuclear installation safety) and the need for ensuring good coordination among all these activities to avoid duplication. In addition, the Meeting discussed how these centres would contribute to better EPR and some associated practical arrangements with regard to funding, their legal status, etc. The representative from Japan briefed the meeting on the past and future

activities at the RANET CBC in Fukushima Prefecture and emphasized Japanese commitment to further support the centre.

53. Mr R. Salinas, IEC, presented activities to further improve EPREV effectiveness. In the discussion that followed, the representative of the USA questioned how such missions considered the hazards applicable for the host country, what the costs associated with an EPREV mission were and how appropriately the emergency arrangements were assessed and measured. The representative of France requested clarification whether the EPREV is an appraisal or a peer review service; while peer review was considered as appropriate, he deemed it as unacceptable for a developed country like France to invite prescriptive appraisal of their emergency arrangements against a standard with no binding nature. The representative of Sudan questioned whether an EPREV mission could be invited prior to making some emergency arrangements operational, in order to use outcomes of such a mission for improving compliance of arrangements with international standards.

54. Mr J.-F. Lafortune presented the development of a specific EPR network within the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN). Following the demonstration of the dedicated web work space, the representatives of Israel, Norway and the USA expressed their positive views and some concerns (Norway) on the development with regard to fostering regional cooperation and sharing of information in EPR, and discussed a few practicalities in relation to the network.

55. Mr F. Baciú, IEC, presented the development of the International Radiation Monitoring Information System (IRMIS). Following the presentation, the representatives of France, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Pakistan and the USA expressed their support and concerns related to the formal basis for the system. Many practical arrangements of the system were discussed, such as the possibility to include data from mobile monitoring systems as well as CTBTO monitoring data, its applicability for both routine and emergency monitoring, formal arrangements in place for sharing and use of data from different systems and networks and possibility for provision of verified vs. unverified monitoring data. The representative of Hungary explained that similar efforts were undertaken in Hungary too, and emphasized their efforts to correlate monitoring results with the required protective actions. He considered that cooperation between Hungary and the IAEA Secretariat on this could be of benefit for both sides.

56. Mr J.-F. Lafortune presented the IEC efforts to develop an Emergency Preparedness and Response Information Management System (EPRIMS). This web-based platform will allow Member States to share information with selected Member States, exchange information on national arrangements and discuss aspects related to emergency preparedness and response with other Member States. The representatives of the Netherlands and Nigeria requested clarification on how this system was linked with similar IAEA systems and self-assessment tools such as Thematic Safety Area 5 on EPR in RASIMS (Radiation Safety Information Management System) and SARIS (Self-Assessment of Regulatory Infrastructure for Safety). In addition, the representatives of Austria, the Netherlands and the USA discussed some practicalities associated with the system in relation to its status, the IAEA Secretariat's access to information posted in the system and its usability when information and forums were to be in different languages.

13. CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING

57. Ms L. Hubbard presented the proposed draft of the meeting conclusions. She explained that this draft is based on the discussions held throughout the week. She opened the floor for discussions on each of the proposed conclusion.

58. Representatives from China, France, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Nigeria, Norway, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Tunisia and the USA expressed their comments, feedbacks and proposals for changes. The fruitful discussion resulted in the Meeting endorsing a total of 23 conclusions. Endorsed Meeting conclusions are provided in Appendix III of this report.

14. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

59. Ms L. Hubbard thanked all the Meeting participants for their contributions and for the fruitful discussions throughout the week. Thereafter, she gave the floor to Ms E. Buglova to close the meeting.

60. Ms E. Buglova, on behalf of Mr D. Flory, DDG-NS, noted the great contribution by all participants and thanked them for the productive discussions aimed at improving the worldwide EPR framework. She reassured that the IAEA Secretariat will follow-up on the issues that were discussed and agreed upon. In her capacity as Scientific Secretary, Ms Buglova expressed her gratitude to Ms L. Hubbard for chairing the Seventh Competent Authorities Meeting.

61. Ms L. Hubbard closed the Meeting on Friday, 23 May 2014 at 14:30.

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Meeting Sessions

- 1 Opening of the Meeting
- 2 Reports to the Meeting
- 3 Emergency Preparedness and Response Expert Group
- 4 Recent Developments in Nuclear Safety and Security
- 5 Sharing of Experiences – Lessons Learned in EPR
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- 8 NCACG Matters
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- 11 IAEA Emergency Assessment and Prognosis
- 12 IAEA Goals and Challenges in EPR
- 13 Conclusions of the Meeting
- 14 Closing of the Meeting

Monday, 19 May 2014

Meeting Sessions

10:00 1 Opening of the Meeting

- Welcome Address/Opening Remarks
D. Flory, DDG-NS, G. Macsuga, NCACG Chairperson, E. Buglova, Head IEC
- Introduction of Meeting Chairperson
E. Buglova
- Meeting Objectives, Orientation/Logistics
R. Martincic, Scientific Secretary, IEC
- Adoption of Agenda

10:30 2 Reports to the Meeting

- Report on CA Meeting's Conclusions 2012 – paper CAM/DOC/2014/01
R. Martincic
- Report on NCACG's Activities – paper CAM/DOC/2014/02
G. Macsuga, NCACG Chairperson
- Report on IEC's Activities – paper CAM/DOC/2014/03
E. Buglova
- Progress in the Implementation of the International Action Plan on EPR
V. McClelland, EPREG
- Progress in the Implementation of the Action Plan on Nuclear Safety

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G. Caruso, Special Coordinator

- Discussion and feedback
- 12:00 3 Emergency Preparedness and Response Expert Group**
- Objectives, Functions and Composition of EPREG
E. Buglova
- Discussion and feedback

12:30 Lunch

- 14:00 4 Recent Developments in Safety and Security**
- Nuclear Safety – Issues and Challenges
J. Lyons, NSNI
- Nuclear Security – Issues and Challenges
R. Evans, NSNS
- Radiation Safety – Issues and Challenges after the Fukushima Daiichi NPP Accident
M. Pinak, NSRW
- Nuclear Safety/Security in EPR – Issues and Challenges
L. Castle, representative of EPREG
- Discussion and feedback

15:30 Coffee Break

- 16:00 5 Sharing of Experiences – Lessons Learned in EPR**
- Assistance Missions
F. Baciu, IEC
- Current Status of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station
- Activities in Nuclear EPR in Japan
N. Ichii, CA representative of Japan
- Emergency Management – Lessons Learned
H.B. Okyar, OECD/NEA
- WHO – EPR Lessons Learned
Z. Carr, WHO
- Discussion and feedback

17:45 Daily Closing

18:00 Reception

Tuesday, 20 May 2014

Meeting Sessions

- 09:00 6 National EPR Reports – Regional Overview**
- Nordic Approach to EPR
H. Aaltonen, representative of CA Finland
- Region: Africa
A. Hammou, NCACG
- Region: Asia Pacific
M. Nadeem, NCACG
- Region: Latin America
TBD, NCACG
- Region: N America & Mexico
V. McClelland, representative of CA USA
- Region: Western and Eastern Europe
C. McMahon, NCACG

10:00 Coffee Break

- 10:30 6a National EPR Reports – National Overview**

- Belgium
C. Vandecasteele, representative of CA Belgium
- Bulgaria
M. Nizamska, representative of CA Bulgaria
- Nigeria
I. Sambo, representative of CA Nigeria
- Canada
P. Webster, representative of CA Canada
- Sweden
L. Hubbard, representative of CA Sweden
- United States of America
V. McClelland, representative of CA USA
- Indonesia
H. Suharyanta, representative of CA Indonesia

12:30 Lunch

- 14:00**
- Mali
N. Kone, representative of CA Mali
 - Russian Federation
A. Erastov, representative of CA Russian Federation
 - Norway
E. Holo, representative of CA Norway
 - Ireland
C. McMahon, representative of CA Ireland
 - Germany
E. Wirth, representative of CA Germany
 - Chile
L. Villanueva, representative of CA Chile

15:30 Coffee Break

- 16:00**
- China
P. Xu, representative of CA China
 - Czech Republic
D. Drabova, representative of CA Czech Republic
 - Australia
L. Castle, representative of CA Australia
 - France
L. Kueny, PM France
 - Algeria
S. Chelbani, representative of CA Algeria
 - Sudan
M.Y. Hamadalneel, representative of CA Sudan

17:30 Daily Closing

Wednesday, 21 May 2014

Meeting Sessions

- 09:00 6b National EPR Reports – Way Forward**
- Overview of EPR Activities in Latin America and Caribbean
P. Jerez Vegueria, NCACG
 - EPR in South Africa
T. Motsumi, representative of CA South Africa
 - Issues and Challenges – discussion
 - Way Forward
Meeting Chairperson
- 09:45 7 Exercises and Training Programmes in EPR**

FINAL – CORRECTED

- ConvEx-1 and 2 Exercises – Evaluation and Challenges
G. Winkler, IEC
- ConvEx-3 (2013) Exercise – Moroccan National Report
I. Soufi, Morocco
- ConvEx-3 (2013) Exercise – Exercise Evaluation
R. Martincic, IEC
- Discussion and feedback

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 7a Exercises and Training Programmes in EPR

- Belgium
C. Vandecasteele, representative of CA Belgium
- Bulgaria
M. Nizamska, representative of CA Bulgaria
- Hungary
G. Macsuga, representative of CA Hungary
- Portugal
J. O. Martins, representative of CA Portugal
- OECD/NEA
H.B. Okyar, OECD/NEA
- Mexican Radiological Emergency, 2013
A. Cortes Carmona, representative of CA Mexico

12:30 Daily Closing

Thursday, 22 May 2014

Meeting Sessions

09:00 8 NCACG Matters

- Reports from Regional Meetings
NCACG members
- NCACG Issues and Challenges
G. Macsuga
- NCACG future – discussion and decision

Tentative:

- NCACG Task List – Proposal
G. Macsuga
- Discussion and endorsement
- Proposals for new NCACG
G. Macsuga
- Discussion and endorsement

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 9 Early Notification Convention – Practical Implementation

- Implementation Arrangements and Open Issues
G. Winkler, IEC
- Discussion and feedback
Meeting Chairperson

12:30 Lunch

14:00 10 Assistance Convention – Practical Implementation

- Implementation Arrangements and Open Issues
P.Kenny, IEC

FINAL – CORRECTED

- Discussion and feedback
Meeting Chairperson

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 11 IAEA Emergency Assessment and Prognosis

- Emergency Assessment and Prognosis: Challenges and Way Forward
J. Chaput, IEC
- Discussion and feedback
Meeting Chairperson

17:30 Daily Closing

Friday, 23 May 2014

Meeting Sessions

09:00 12 IAEA Goals and Challenges in EPR

- Capacity Building Centres
J. Lafortune, IEC
- Further improving EPREV Effectiveness
R. Salinas, IEC
- GNSSN regional EPR websites
J. Lafortune, IEC
- International Radiation Monitoring Information System
F. Baciu, IEC
- EPR Database – EPRIMS and EPR Self-assessment
J. Lafortune, IEC
- Discussion and feedback

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 13 Conclusions of the Meeting

- Proposed Conclusions
E. Buglova
- Discussion, feedback and endorsement of Meeting conclusions

12:00 14 Closing of the Meeting
L. Hubbard and D. Flory

12:30 End of the Meeting

Meeting Side Events

Wednesday, 21 May 2014

Display of IAEA Guidelines and Tools in EPR

09:00 Meeting participants will be able to request documents from EPR Series and related training material for to their use and will then collect them on Thursday, 22 May at the registration desk in front of
13:00 Boardroom A

Workshops and Demonstrations

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13:00 **Plume Modelling**

- IXP and Hotspot Presentation
L.G. Glascoe, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, USA
- Capabilities within WMO Structure
A. Muscat, RSMC Exeter, representing WMO

15:00 **Assessment and Prognosis**

- Current and Future Activities
J. Chaput, IEC

16:00 **USIE session**

- USIE Registration, USIE Demonstration, Q&A on USIE
M. Eklund, IEC

17:00 **IRMIS**

- Data Visualization
F. Baciu, IEC

Regional CA Meetings

Moderators: NCACG members

- 14:00**
- Regional progress reports
 - National issues/activities
 - NCACG future – discussion and proposals

Tentative: • New NCACG Chairperson, members and alternates

NCACG Meeting

Room MOE 58

- 15:00**
- NCACG activities
 - NCACG future

Tentative: • New NCACG Chairperson, members and alternates

3rd Regular RANET Meeting

Boardroom A

- 15:00**
- Open issues and challenges, sharing of experience, way forward
Meeting Chair: P. Kenny, IEC

APPENDIX III: MEETING'S CONCLUSIONS

GENERAL

Conclusion

CAM-2014/01

The Meeting acknowledged the opportunity for competent authorities and regional representatives to provide information on various relevant topics related to their national EPR programmes. The Meeting appreciated the information presented and proposed that similar opportunities for information exchange are scheduled at the next CA Meeting. Specific topical focus may be suggested by competent authorities and the Secretariat for the information exchange at the next Meeting.

EXERCISES

Conclusion

CAM-2014/02

The Meeting acknowledged the efforts and success of Morocco's preparation and conduct of the ConvEx-3 exercise.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/03

The Meeting noted the international evaluation of the ConvEx-3 and highlighted the importance of the conclusions and recommendations, which form the basis for further strengthening of international emergency preparedness and response and ConvEx-3 exercises.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/04

As demonstrated by the ConvEx-3 (2013) exercise the meeting noted with concern the little progress that has been made regarding information exchange on protective actions among Member States in an emergency.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/05

The Meeting encouraged all Member States to consider offering their national exercises for the next ConvEx-3, which is planned for 2017.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/06

The Meeting encouraged Contact Points to provide responses to the ConvEx-1 exercises within specified timelines, and encouraged participation in ConvEx-2 exercises.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/07

Member States are urged to make offers to host ConvEx-2 exercises, and are invited to support the IAEA Secretariat in its exercises conducted with the World Meteorological Organization.

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY NOTIFICATION CONVENTION

Conclusion

CAM-2014/08

The Meeting encouraged those Member States that have not yet designated their Contact Points, or provided contact details according to the IEComm, to initiate this process.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/09

The Meeting took note of the practical arrangements for the implementation of the Early Notification Convention, and urged Member States to make the best use of the established arrangements.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/10

The Secretariat acknowledged the Competent Authorities' suggestions for further improvement of the Unified System for Information Exchange in Incidents and Emergencies (USIE) and will evaluate and provide feedback on the suggestions that were or were not accepted.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/11

The Meeting noted progress on the development of the International Radiation Monitoring Information System (IRMIS) and asked the Secretariat to further report on the objectives, scope and legal framework of this tool.

NATIONAL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES' COORDINATING GROUP (NCACG)

Conclusion

CAM-2014/12

The Meeting acknowledged the importance of collaboration on emergency preparedness and response arrangements and issues between national competent authorities, both within and between regions, and noted that for some regions this collaboration can also be facilitated by the NCACG representatives.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/13

On the issue of the retention of the NCACG, the Meeting agreed that the NCACG be kept in reserve. In line with this position, the Meeting recommended that the structure of the NCACG regional representatives be retained, and that the group of regional representatives be tasked with assisting, as required, the IAEA Secretariat's Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC) in the preparation of the next Competent Authority Meeting, including providing input on current regional challenges and feedback.

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSISTANCE CONVENTION

Conclusion

CAM-2014/14

The Meeting acknowledged the registration of 25 State Parties to the Assistance Convention in the Response and Assistance Network (RANET) and encouraged all State Parties to identify national capabilities suitable for providing international assistance by registering their National Assistance Capabilities in RANET.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/15

The Meeting noted the work conducted by the Secretariat to investigate possible mechanisms to facilitate the financing of assistance missions and the process of establishing a Special Fund.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/16

The Meeting acknowledged the progress made by the Secretariat in the drafting of a document giving the minimum compatibility guidelines and encouraged the Secretariat to finalize the draft of the guidance, taking into account the feedback of Member States. In addition the Meeting encouraged Member States to actively participate in the development of the document.

ASSESSMENT AND PROGNOSIS IN EMERGENCY

Conclusion

CAM-2014/17

The Meeting emphasized the importance of continued collaboration between the Secretariat and Member States to explore challenges in the implementation of the assessment and prognosis process.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/18

The Meeting encouraged the Secretariat to test a ConvEx-2e series to exercise the assessment and prognosis process.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/19

The Meeting encouraged Member States operating nuclear power reactors to plan for internal processes to provide the Secretariat with the relevant critical technical parameters to enable implementation of the assessment and prognosis process, which is under development.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/20

The Meeting encouraged State Parties with relevant capabilities in assessment and prognosis to register these capabilities in RANET.

IAEA DEVELOPMENTS IN EPR

Conclusion

CAM-2014/21

The Meeting took note of the development of the EPR Information Management System (EPRIMS), the concept of capacity building centres in emergency preparedness and response and the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN), an emergency preparedness and response network and collaborative workspace.

Conclusion

CAM-2014/22

The Meeting noted the Secretariat's activities to further improve Emergency Preparedness Review (EPREV) effectiveness. The meeting welcomes further discussions for tailoring the EPREV mission to answer the needs of countries with large nuclear programmes.

CA MEETING CONDUCT

Conclusion

CAM-2014/23

Finally, the Meeting recommended that future CA Meetings' agendas should provide for more time for discussions on open issues, and in particular for discussions on the Meeting's Conclusions.