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**Main findings and recommendations of the
workshop on Strategic Master Plan, Phase 2**



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Background on the Strategic Master Plan

- After a first phase identifying the status of the problems in North West Russia, Phase II is intended to provide a clear roadmap for nuclear waste, spent fuel management and remediation of territories and bottlenecks;
- Grant Agreement for € 7 million signed with Rosatom in August 2005;
- Contract between Rosatom and FESPE (IBRAE) concluded in December 2005. An international Consultant assists IBRAE in completing this task - contract signed in June 2006 with Fluor-BNG;
- Final version is due in September 2007;
- SMP will remain a living documents as implementation progresses.



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Origins of the NOC-CEG Seminar

- CEG was presented the first results of the SMP at its last plenary meeting in Munich – October 2006;
- CEG then proposed to the EBRD to hold a seminar on the SMP in order to provide views of international experts;
- The NDEP Nuclear Operating Committee – in charge of supervising NDEP operations - approved a common seminar at its meeting – 8 December 2006



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Main objectives of the NOC-CEG workshop

- The workshop in London on 12 April 2007 provided views of the CEG members on
- scope, structure, content and specifications of the integrated programme;
- selected strategic investigations (SI) part of the SMP.



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NOC-CEG workshop - subjects presented and discussed

The agenda of the workshop included presentations by SMP Team and international experts followed by discussions on :

- Structure of the Integrated Decommissioning Programme and an overview of the Priority Projects;
- SI on management of non-reprocessable and damaged SNF;
- SI on criteria for environmental remediation of radioactively contaminated sites;
- SI on regional management of RW;
- SI on actual status and improvements of the Standard and Legislative Basis.



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NOC-CEG workshop – specific recommendations (I)

- The value and necessity of both co-operation and co-ordination was recognised by the workshop. In this regard the SMP 2 report will be an important tool to facilitate this objective;
- Distribution of a non-confidential SMP summary report to NDEP and CEG members will facilitate Donors' decision making particularly in regard to which specific projects to take on board, increase transparency and give a wider understanding of the serious situation in regard to Russia's nuclear legacy.



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NOC-CEG workshop – specific recommendations (II)

- It is essential to have a clear strategy, accepted by the Russian organisations. In this respect finalisation of the Strategic Investigations within SMP 2 will be a valuable contribution.
- The Russian presentations of the preliminary results correspond to good practices and international guidance.
- Regarding radioactive waste management in the Northwest region, a subject of concern for long time, it was noted that a comprehensive strategy was not yet finalised.
- The participants have noted the fact that safety and radioactive protection criteria used in this program fit quite well with the international recommendations.



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NOC-CEG workshop – specific recommendations (III)

- Final destination of damaged or non-reprocessable fuel is an ongoing legacy problem which remains to be solved. This was underlined by several presentations.
- It was noted that work and studies carried out under bilateral programmes should be taken into account by the SMP 2 team in a timely manner in order to offer a fully coordinated approach and to have up-to-date information system and prevent duplication.
- Close co-ordination between regulator and operators is a crucial factor for efficiency of implementation of the programme.



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NOC-CEG workshop – conclusion (I)

- The workshop raised a lot of interest – it was attended by more than 50 experts from 13 countries;
- Good feedback on the opportunity given to discuss and bring to the attention of the SMP II Team the views and concerns of the international experts.



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NOC-CEG workshop – conclusion (II)

- A lot of NOC – CEG workshop findings were close to recommendations of the Expert Advisory Group meeting held on 13 April 2007;
- The workshop was organised so to allow letting some months for the SMP-2 Team to integrate comments before the final report;
- Most of the advice has been taken into account in the work of the SMP-2 Team.



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