

FOREWORD

The key objectives and activities of Member State liquid metal fast reactor (LMFR) programmes are:

- (1) Demonstration of effective designs,
- (2) Demonstration of system safety,
- (3) Demonstration of economic competitiveness with other established power generation systems.

The International Working Group on Fast Reactors (IWGFR) at its 1995 meeting observed that while some countries (as a result of static or falling power demand) are reducing the research and development programmes or delaying the commercial deployment of fast reactors, other countries are planning to introduce these reactors and are embarking on their own development programmes. In these circumstances the international exchange of information and experience is of increasing importance.

These proceedings contain updated information from long standing members of the IWGFR and new information on the status of LMFR research and development from new members of the Group: Brazil, China, Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Korea.