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# Covid-19 IAEA support to Member States and further initiatives

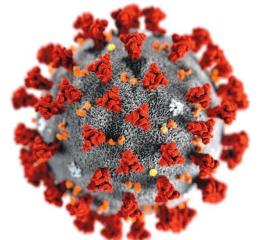
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### Introduction



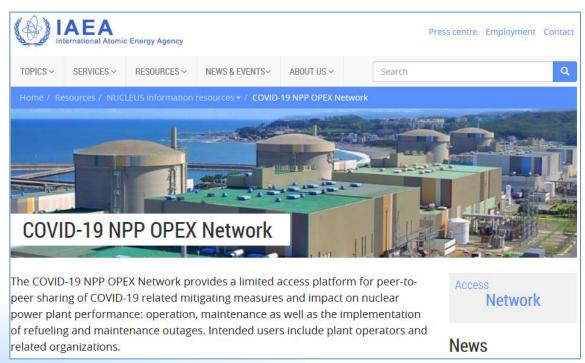
- Covid-19 impacted globally
- Governments' policy decisions impacted nuclear activities, which could have global knock-on effects
- Nuclear industry has always learned and improved, and was fairly well prepared for this (pandemic is an external event)
- Agency enhanced its ways of working



# **Actions by the Agency**



- COVID-19 NPP OPEX Network
- Power Reactor Information System (PRIS)
- Periodic summary reports
- Collaboration with International Organizations
- Planned activities
  - Operator's Forum
  - PRIS Report on 2020 status



# Actions by the Agency – Cont'd



- Safety standards and nuclear security guidance
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Convention meetings
- Other support to Member States



### **Actions in Member States**



- NPP
- RR and radioisotope production
- Nuclear fuel cycle facilities
- Facilities using radiation sources



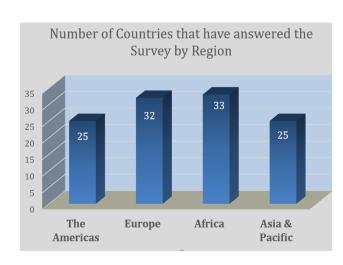
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#### **Objective:**

- to have a first insight of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic on regulatory activities; the good practices and lessons learned
- To have an overview of reactions and responses of regulatory authorities and impact on IAEA Safety Standards and guidance

#### **Member States Consultation:**

- More than 120 Countries completed the Survey.
- More than **300 regulators** participated in the Webinars organized with regulatory networks in the four regions (Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia and the Pacific) to discuss the report.



Final report of the results of the survey and webinars is Published in IAEA Web

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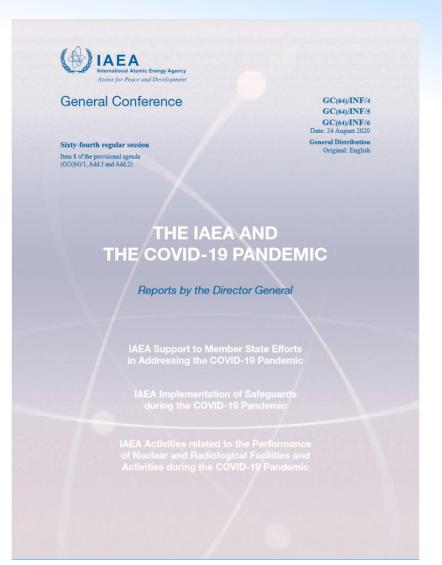
#### **Main Results:**

- Regulatory activities were affected by the Pandemic in many of MSs and some functions such as Authorization and Inspection are not fully implemented by most RBs
- RBs have concerns in the area of financial failure of the users to ensure safety and security of the radiation sources, including disused and orphan radioactive sources; lack of medical staff for the medical use of radiation sources; unjustified exposures and technical services provision.

### **Final remarks**



- Covid-19 is a common concern
- Agency continued activities, but some postponed
- Significant reporting from MS
- Impact will be examined to learn lessons





Thank you!

