To facilitate and coordinate inter-agency cooperation in case of an emergency, the IAEA, together with other relevant international intergovernmental organizations, established the Inter-Agency Committee on Radiological and Nuclear Emergencies (IACRNE).

The IACRNE was established in September 1986 in the aftermath of the Chernobyl accident. Members of the IACRNE develop, maintain and co-sponsor the Joint Radiation Emergency Management Plan of the International Organizations—the Joint Plan. The Joint Plan describes a common understanding of how each organization acts during a response and describes the arrangements for coordinated response. The IAEA provides the secretariat for the IACRNE and coordinates the maintenance and the further strengthening of the Joint Plan.

The Joint Plan of the international organizations

The inter-agency mechanism facilitating coordinated and harmonized international response to nuclear and radiological incidents and emergencies:

- Provides the framework for inter-agency preparedness and response coordination.
- Describes a common understanding of each participating organization’s response mandate.
- Provides a basis for coordinated and harmonized international response.
- Describes how coordinated and consistent arrangements and capabilities of relevant international organizations are developed and maintained.
- Does not replace arrangements in place in the international organizations.

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