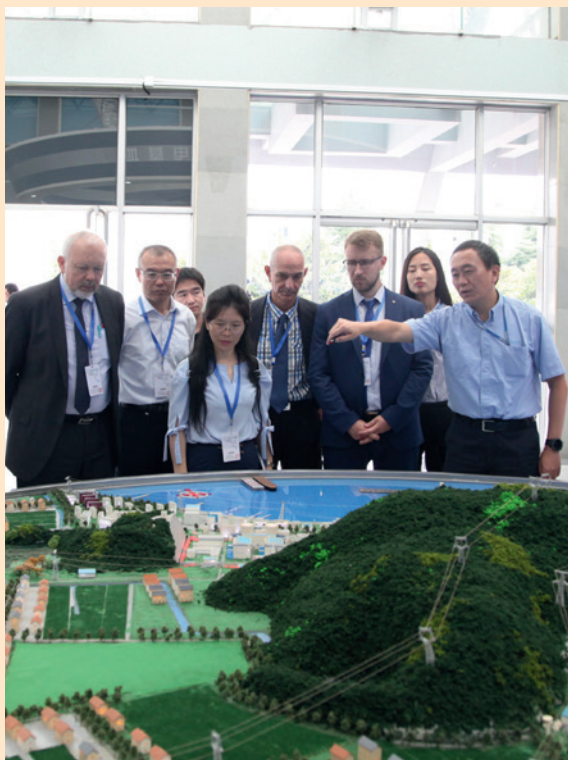


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- Unauthorized removal of nuclear and other radioactive material;
- Sabotage of nuclear and other radioactive material and associated facilities and activities.



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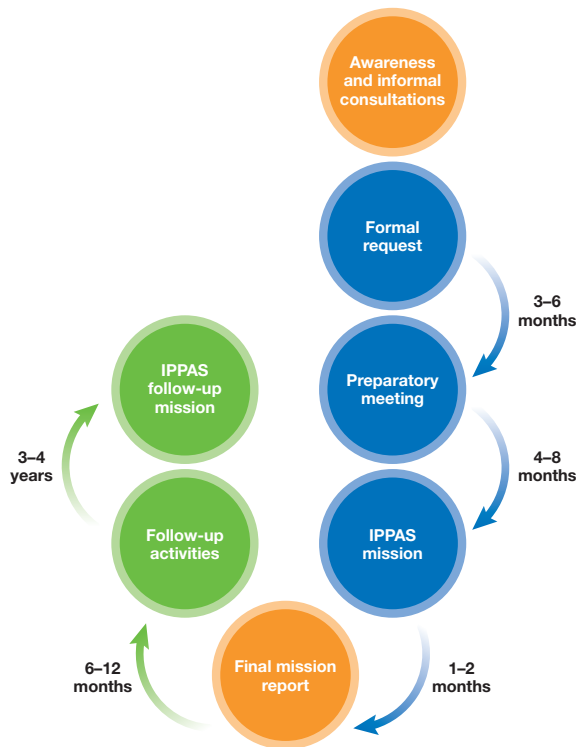


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## IPPAS mission

IPPAS activities are a core component of the Agency's nuclear security work.



An IPPAS mission compares a State's existing practices against relevant international instruments and IAEA nuclear security publications to suggest improvements. It also includes an exchange of experience and good international practices aimed at strengthening the State's nuclear security regime.

## IPPAS team

IPPAS missions are conducted by teams of 5–12 international nuclear security experts. Team members use their extensive experience and international guidance. Conclusions are made by consensus on the basis of the team's combined expertise.

## IPPAS reports

The findings of IPPAS missions are reflected in mission reports, which are treated by the IAEA as highly confidential. Upon request, the missions can be complemented by IAEA follow-up assistance, including training, technical support and more targeted assessments of various elements of a State's national nuclear security regime.

## IPPAS scope

The IPPAS programme is flexible and tailored to a Member State and its nuclear programme; it applies a modular approach.

IPPAS missions comprise a national level review of the legal and regulatory framework. Depending on a State's request, they may also include a review of security systems and measures at facilities and during the transport of nuclear and other radioactive material.

## IPPAS methods

The IPPAS team reviews information provided by the host country in advance and during the mission; interviews of competent authority personnel, facility operators and representatives of other relevant organizations; and observes practices and systems in place.

## IPPAS guidelines

The IPPAS guidelines (IAEA Services Series No. 29) provide overall guidance for the experts to ensure the consistency and comprehensiveness of the mission and have been prepared by the IAEA to complement the expertise of the IPPAS team members. This publication also provides suitable guidance to the host State in preparing for and receiving such missions.

## IPPAS history

Since 1995, 90 IPPAS missions were conducted in 54 States, involving more than 250 experts from 43 States.

