

CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY
Organizational Meeting of Contracting Parties
September 2001

REPORT OF
THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 1) The Organizational Meeting pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules of the Convention (INFCIRC/573/Rev.1), was held at the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, 25-26 September 2001. Forty-one out of fifty three Contracting Parties participated, namely: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Belarus, Belgium; Brazil; Bulgaria; Canada; Chile; China; Croatia; Czech Republic; EURATOM, Finland; France; Germany; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Korea, Republic of; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Mexico, the Netherlands; Norway; Pakistan; Peru; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America. A list of participants is attached as Annex I.
- 2) Mr. Miroslav Gregorič, Director of the Slovenian Nuclear Safety Authority, Slovenia, was elected Chairman of the Organizational Meeting.
- 3) Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules the Chairman appointed Mr. T. Taniguchi, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety, as Secretary to the Meeting, to direct the work of the Secretariat.
- 4) The Meeting adopted the proposed agenda as shown in Annex II.
- 5) The Secretary examined the credentials of participating delegations as communicated by Contracting Parties. Under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, the Meeting approved all the communications listing delegates as presented by the Contracting Parties participating in the Organizational Meeting on the understanding that some delegations would provide the Secretariat with formal credentials as soon as possible. In this context the Chairman noted the importance of a timely submission of proper credentials in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules to the Secretary of the Meeting.
- 6) The Meeting, noting that no requests had been submitted by intergovernmental organizations to take part as observers to the Organizational Meeting, decided therefore not to invite any.
- 7) The Meeting decided to use the list of Contracting Parties and their Nuclear Installations, as contained in Annex III, as a basis for establishing Country Groups. The Meeting then decided to establish six (6) Country Groups for the Second Review Meeting. Pursuant to Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, the Meeting allocated Contracting Parties to country groups based on a ranking of the number of nuclear installations, using a tennis-

seeding method. Contracting Parties without nuclear installations were added to country groups, starting where assignment of State Parties with nuclear installations ended. The first such Contracting Party was Norway (the initial letter of whose name was randomly selected by a drawing), with the others added in alphabetical order. This procedure resulted in the composition of the Country Groups listed in Annex IV, which was agreed by the Meeting.

- 8) The Meeting elected Mr. M. Gregorič of Slovenia as President of the Second Review Meeting and Mr. M. Ishikawa of Japan and Mr. C. Tenreiro Leiva of Chile as Vice-Presidents.
- 9) The Country Groups, thus established according to paragraph 7 above, then met separately and, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, made recommendations for Country Group Co-ordinators and Officers of the Second Review Meeting.
- 10) Upon recommendation from the Country Groups, and pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, the Meeting:

a) elected Country Group co-ordinators as follows:

- Group 1 Mr. R. Burrows, USA
- Group 2 Mr. J.L. Delgado Guardado, Mexico
- Group 3 Mr. M. Hirota, Japan
- Group 4 Mr. P. Dickenson, UK
- Group 5 Mr. I. Valčić, Croatia
- Group 6 Mr. H. Klonk, Germany,

it being understood that, if for some reason, the individual elected is unavailable, the Contracting Party concerned would nominate a replacement and notify the Secretary accordingly.

b) selected Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs from each Country Group as follows:

	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Rapporteur
Group 1	Mr. S. Collins, USA	Mr. J.J. Van Binnebeek, Belgium	Mr. J. Suchomel, Slovakia
Group 2	Mr. J. Reig, Spain	Mr. A. Alat, Turkey	Mr. J. Scherrer, France
Group 3	Mr. L. Högberg, Sweden	Mr. S. McIntosh, Australia	Mr. M. Šváb, Czech Republic
Group 4	Mr. R. Pape, UK	Mr. L. Biro, Romania	Mr. J.K. Hohenberg, Austria
Group 5	Mr. Y.S. Eun, Korea, Rep. of	Mr. S. Adamchik, Russian Federation	Mr. I. Aro, Finland
Group 6	Mr. J. Rónaky, Hungary	Mr. C. Zhao, China	Mr. J. Harvie, Canada

c) To ensure that in accordance with Rule 11 (c) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules no Rapporteur or Chairperson is assigned to the country group of which he/she is a member, the Meeting drew numbers to advance Chairpersons and Rapporteurs respectively to the corresponding groups. The number drawn for Chairpersons was 4 so that the designated Chairpersons would advance by four country groups. The number for Rapporteurs was 5, so that Rapporteurs would advance by five Country Groups.

As a result, the final assignment of Officers to the Country Groups was as follows:

	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Rapporteur
Group 1	Mr. L. Högberg, Sweden	Mr. J.J. Van Binnebeek, Belgium	Mr. J. Scherrer, France
Group 2	Mr. R. Pape, UK	Mr. A. Alat, Turkey	Mr. M. Šváb, Czech Republic
Group 3	Mr. Y.S. Eun, Korea, Rep. of	Mr. S. McIntosh, Australia	Mr. J.K. Hohenberg, Austria
Group 4	Mr. J. Rónaky, Hungary	Mr. L. Biro, Romania	Mr. I. Aro, Finland
Group 5	Mr. S. Collins, USA	Mr. S. Adamchik, Russian Federation	Mr. J. Harvie, Canada
Group 6	Mr. J. Reig, Spain	Mr. C. Zhao, China	Mr. J. Suchomel, Slovakia

11) Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules, the Meeting decided to recommend a budget for the Second Review Meeting as contained in Annex V, noting that such a budget would make it possible to accommodate requests for interpretations filed pursuant to Rule 41.5(a) (Argentina, Chile, France, Luxembourg, Mexico, Peru and Spain) and Rule 41.5 (b) (Belarus, Russian Federation and Ukraine) of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules.

12) The Meeting also decided that:

- a) Rapporteurs meet separately from 5 to 7 March 2002 to consider questions received and to review the overall approach in respect to Country Group discussions. It is assumed that each Rapporteur would consult with the relevant group co-ordinator beforehand.
- b) Officers for the Review Meeting, including Country Group Co-ordinators, meet on the Sunday preceding the Review Meeting to finalize a consistent approach to the detailed review process, taking into account any trends in the questions and comments of the Contracting Parties on national reports already received and to agree upon the approach to reporting the groups' findings at the main plenary session. The Secretariat would be invited to assist officers in developing such a consistent approach.
- c) National contact points for submitting questions and comments on the national reports, including an e-mail address, should be communicated to the Secretary not later than October 15, 2001.
- d) National reports received by the Secretariat should be distributed to Contracting Parties, through their Missions in Vienna not later than Friday, October 19, 2001. Contracting Parties are encouraged to make their national reports available on the Internet and inform the Secretariat preferably before October 15, 2001, of their relevant Website addresses. Similarly, the Secretariat should establish a Website with links to national reports mentioned above.
- e) Questions and comments communicated during the review of national reports would be treated as confidential, although some Contracting Parties indicated that they would, as they did in the first review process, make available answers to questions received on their own national report to the public, without indicating the Contracting Party posing the

questions.

- 13) As in the First Review Meeting, the Meeting discussed how to enhance further the review process. In this context various proposals were made. It was decided that a specific agenda item should be assigned at the Second Review Meeting to consider any improvement to the procedural arrangements for review meetings deemed suitable according to Article 22.2 in the Convention.
- 14) The Meeting decided on the Timetable for the Second Review Meeting as contained in Annex VI.
- 15) The Meeting discussed a proposal, tabled by Spain, to establish an “ad-hoc” group of Parties to the Convention that would assess different options to increase publicly available information from the review process. The proposal received wide spread support and the Meeting agreed to establish a working group under the Chairmanship of Spain. The working group would work in an open ended fashion and would report on its findings to the Second Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
- 16) The Meeting also discussed a proposal tabled by Spain on the submission and distribution of national reports by electronic means. The Meeting requested the Secretary to consider the legal and technical implications and identify different options available based on its experience in this context and to report thereon to the Second Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
- 17) The Meeting requested the Secretary to transmit the Report of the Chairman of the Organizational Meeting and its Annexes to the Director General of the IAEA, thereby informing him of the decisions taken at the Meeting for consideration in the IAEA budgetary process, as foreseen in Article 28 of the Convention.
- 18) The Meeting expressed its sincere gratitude to the Secretariat for the excellent services provided in support of the Meeting.
- 19) Finally, the Meeting agreed on this Report by the Chairman of the Organizational Meeting, and requested the Secretary to transmit the report, and its Annexes, to the Contracting Parties and the Signatory States, noting that the Secretariat could make this report and a summary of the Annexes publicly available.

Miroslav Gregorič
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AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Credentials of Participants
5. Matters arising under Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedures and Financial Rules
 - Establishment of Country Groups
 - Election of President and Vice-Presidents
 - Recommendation of Country Group Co-ordinators
 - Recommendation of Officers for the Review Meeting
 - Recommendation of a Budget for the Review Meeting
 - Any other matters relevant to implementation of the Convention
6. Invitations to intergovernmental organizations to attend the Organizational Meeting as observers (pursuant to Article 24 (2) of the Convention)
7. Filing of requests for interpretation during Country Group sessions pursuant to Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules
8. Draft Provisional Agenda for the Review Meeting
9. Other business

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List of Contracting Parties

Contracting Parties	Installations		
	Operating	Closed	Under construction
United States of America	104	19	4
France	59	1	0
Japan	54	1	9
United Kingdom	35	6	0
Russian Federation	30	4	2
Canada	22	3	0
Germany	19	1	0
Korea, Republic of	16	0	4
Ukraine	13	3	2
Sweden	11	2	0
Spain	9	1	0
Belgium	7	1	0
Slovak Republic	6	1	2
Bulgaria	6	0	0
Czech Republic	5	0	1
Switzerland	5	0	0
Finland	4	0	0
Hungary	4	0	0
China	3	0	8
Argentina	2	0	1
Brazil	2	0	1
Lithuania	2	0	0
Mexico	2	0	0
Pakistan	2	0	0
South Africa	2	0	0
Armenia	1	1	0
Netherlands	1	1	0
Romania	1	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0
Italy	0	4	0
Australia	0	0	0

Contracting Parties	Installations		
	Operating	Closed	Under construction
Austria	0	0	0
Bangladesh	0	0	0
Belarus	0	0	0
Chile	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0
Cyprus	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0
EURATOM	0	0	0
Greece	0	0	0
Ireland	0	0	0
Latvia	0	0	0
Lebanon	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	0	0
Mali	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0
Peru	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	0	0	0
Singapore	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0

* Countries with nuclear facilities are sorted by number of nuclear installations.

** All other countries in English alphabetic order.

COMPOSITION OF COUNTRY GROUPS FOR THE MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY

25-Sep-01

GROUP: 1

Country

United States of America
Belgium
Slovak Republic
South Africa
Pakistan
Greece
Sri Lanka
Singapore
Ireland

GROUP: 2

Country

France
Spain
Bulgaria
Mexico
Armenia
Republic of Moldova
EURATOM
Turkey
Latvia

GROUP: 3

Country

Japan
Sweden
Czech Republic
Lithuania
Netherlands
Australia
Denmark
Portugal
Lebanon

GROUP: 4

Country

United Kingdom
Ukraine
Switzerland
Brazil
Romania
Austria
Poland
Luxembourg
Cyprus

GROUP: 5

Country

Russian Federation
Korea, Republic of
Finland
Argentina
Slovenia
Mali
Croatia
Bangladesh
Peru

GROUP: 6

Country

Canada
Germany
Hungary
China
Italy
Belarus
Norway
Chile

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BUDGET ESTIMATE (US\$)

2nd Review Meeting
April 15-26, 2002

Interpretation*	108,000 (180 person days at US\$600/day)
Translation	15,000
Conference service officers	5,000
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	128,000

* Figure shown is an upper estimate. Actual cost for the 1st Review Meeting was US\$70,000

ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS OF NATIONAL REPORTS DURING THE REVIEW MEETING OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY
15-26 April 2002

	Monday 15.04	Tuesday 16.04	Wednesday 17.04	Thursday 18.04	Friday 19.04	Sat./Sunday 20/04/21.04	Monday 22.04	Tuesday 23.04	Wednesday 24.04	Thursday 25.04	Friday 26.04	
Group I	Plenary	Slovakia	Belgium	United States	South Africa	weekend	Pakistan	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	
		Greece	Ireland		Sri Lanka							Singapore
Group II		France (R, F)	Spain (R, S)	Bulgaria (R)	Mexico (R, S)		Armenia (R)					Rep. of Moldova (R)
			Latvia (R)	Euratom (R)	Turkey (R)							
Group III		Sweden	Japan	Czech Republic	Lithuania		Netherlands					
		Lebanon		Denmark	Australia		Portugal					
Group IV	Ch, F, R, S	United Kingdom (R)	Ukraine (R)	Switzerland (R)	Brazil (R)	Romania (R)	Ch, F, R, S	Ch, F, R, S	Ch, F, R, S	Ch, F, R, S	Ch, F, R, S	
			Luxembourg (F, R)	Cyprus (R)	Austria (R)	Poland (R)						
Group V		Argentina (R, S)	Korea, Rep. of (R)	Finland (R)	Russian Federation (R)	Slovenia (R)						
		Peru (R, S)	Mali (R)	Croatia (R)		Bangladesh (R)						
Group VI		Canada (R)	Germany (R)	Hungary (R)	China (R)	Italy (R)						
				Chile (R, S)	Belarus (R)	Norway (R)						

(Ch) Chinese
(F) French
(R) Russian
(S) Spanish