Convention on Nuclear Safety

Eighth Organizational Meeting of Contracting Parties

17 October 2018 Report of the President

- 1. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the *Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules* of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, the Organizational Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety was held at the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna on 17 October 2018. 65 out of 85 Contracting Parties participated, namely: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea (Republic of), Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Myanmar, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam and Euratom. The list of participants is attached as Annex I.
- 2. The Meeting adopted the proposed agenda as shown in Annex II.
- 3. Based on a report by the Office of Legal Affairs, the Meeting accepted the credentials of the delegates as presented by the Contracting Parties participating in the Organizational Meeting on the understanding that those delegations that had so far not submitted credentials in the proper form would do so as soon as possible.
- 4. The Meeting decided to establish seven Country Groups for the 8th Review Meeting. Pursuant to Rule 17 of the *Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules*, the Meeting allocated Contracting Parties to Country Groups using the method described in Annex III of the *Guidelines regarding the Review Process* under the Convention on Nuclear Safety. This procedure resulted in the composition of the Country Groups as shown in Annex III, which was agreed by the Meeting.
- 5. The Meeting elected Ms Dana DRABOVA of the Czech Republic as President of the 8th Review Meeting.
- 6. The Meeting elected Mr Carl-Magnus LARSSON of Australia and Mr KIM Manwoong of the Republic of Korea as Vice-Presidents. The biographies of the President and Vice-Presidents are attached in Annex IV.
- 7. The seven Country Groups established as described under item 4 of this Report then met separately to make recommendations for Country Group Officers of the 8th Review Meeting.

- 8. Based on the discussions in the Country Groups, and pursuant to Rule 11 of the *Rules of Procedure* and *Financial Rules*, the Meeting:
 - a. selected Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Coordinators and Rapporteurs from each Country Group as follows:

Country Group	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Coordinator	Rapporteur
1	Mr Daniel DORMAN (USA)	Ms Kirsi ALM-LYTZ (Finland)	To be nominated by Bulgaria	Ms Kimberly GREEN (USA)
2	Ms Sylvie CADET- MERCIER (France)	Mr Rob JANSEN (Netherlands)	To be nominated by Syrian Arab Republic	To be nominated by Australia
3	Mr Michael KNOCHENHAUER (Sweden)	To be nominated by China	Mr Peter BESTER (South Africa)	Ms Noletu MOTI (South Africa)
4	Mr Masashi HIRANO (Japan)	Ms Monica DOBBERTIN (Norway)	Mr Nobuyuki TSUKABE (Japan)	Mr Martin HITCHON (Canada)
5	Mr Igor ZONOV (Russian Federation)	Ms Rosa SARDELLA (Switzerland)	Mr Olivier DESTIN (Belgium)	Ms Annatina MULLER-GERMANA (Switzerland)
6	Mr Mikulas TURNER (Slovakia)	Mr Ghislain PASCAL (EURATOM)	Mr Yeon-Ki CHUNG (Republic of Korea)	Mr Matt WORSLEY (United Kingdom)
7	Mr Dinesh Kumar SHUKLA (India)	Mr Muhammad AYUB (Pakistan)	Ms Mareike RUFFER (Germany)	Ms Marina ROWEKAMP (Germany)

It was understood that where an individual has not been identified or if the individual selected becomes unavailable, the Contracting Party concerned will nominate a replacement and notify the Secretary accordingly.

b. To ensure that in accordance with the *Guidelines regarding the Review Process* no Officer is assigned to the Country Group of which his or her country is a member, the Secretariat drew numbers to advance all Officers respectively to the corresponding group. The number drawn for Chairpersons was 5 so the Chairpersons were advanced by 5 Country Groups, the number drawn for Vice-Chairpersons was 3, for Coordinators was 1 and for Rapporteurs was 6.

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

Country Group	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Coordinator	Rapporteur
1	Mr Michael KNOCHENHAUER (Sweden)	Ms Rosa SARDELLA (Switzerland)	Ms Mareike RUFFER (Germany)	To be nominated by Australia
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3	Mr Igor ZONOV (Russian Federation)	Mr Muhammad AYUB (Pakistan)	To be nominated by Syrian Arab Republic	Mr Martin HITCHON (Canada)
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6	Mr Daniel DORMAN (USA)	To be nominated by China	Mr Olivier DESTIN (Belgium)	Ms Marina ROWEKAMP (Germany)
7	Ms Sylvie CADET- MERCIER (France)	Ms Monica DOBBERTIN (Norway)	Mr Yeon-Ki CHUNG (Republic of Korea)	Ms Kimberly GREEN (USA)

- 9. The Meeting, noting that the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD/NEA) had requested to take part as an observer to the 8th Review Meeting, decided to invite the OECD/NEA, in accordance with article 24.2 of the Convention. The meeting further decided to accept the request of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) to similarly attend as an observer the opening and final plenary sessions of the 8th Review Meeting.
- 10. The Meeting decided that interpretation will be provided during all plenary sessions of the 8th Review Meeting in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Requests for interpretation during the entire Country Group Sessions were filed by Armenia, Belarus, China, Mexico and the Russian Federation. In addition, the following Contracting Parties requested interpretation to be provided for their national presentations; Argentina, France, Mexico, Spain and Syrian Arab Republic. These will be reflected in the Review Meeting timetable. The list of requests for interpretation is attached in Annex V.
- 11. Pursuant to Rule 11.2 (e) of the *Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules*, the Meeting decided to recommend a budget for the 8th Review Meeting as shown in Annex VI.

- 12. The President reminded the Contracting Parties that in drafting their National Reports for the 8th Review Meeting, they should take into account nine major common issues described in paragraph 26 of the Summary Report of the 7th Review Meeting.
- 13. The Meeting recalled that the President of the 7th Review Meeting had recommended that the Officers of that meeting consider the experiences of the Contracting Parties in reporting on the principles of the VDNS, and provide a report to this Organizational Meeting. The Meeting decided to forward to the President of the 8th Review Meeting six Recommendations which had been identified by those Officers, see in Annex VII.
- 14. The Meeting further recalled that paragraph 24 of the Summary Report of the 7th Review Meeting had requested the Secretariat to brief this Organizational Meeting on its activities to continue to reflect the principles of the CNS in its relevant documents. The Secretariat described the current situation and activities underway regarding the IAEA Safety Standards and Technical Documents.
- 15. The Meeting recalled the decision of the 7th Review Meeting to continue to hold topical sessions during future Review Meetings. Contracting Parties had been invited to submit proposed themes for these topical sessions to this Meeting. Based on these proposals, the Meeting decided to recommend Ageing Management and Safety Culture for consideration as topical sessions at the 8th Review Meeting.
- 16. The Meeting recalled the request of the 7th Review Meeting to the Secretariat to review the possibility of videoconferencing country group sessions using a secure platform as supplemental assistance to facilitate greater participation. The Meeting instructed the Secretariat to provide a comprehensive written technical report on the possible technologies and their implications on Article 27 of the CNS. The Meeting further decided to defer any decision to the 8th Review Meeting.
- 17. The Meeting recalled the request of the 7th Review Meeting to the Secretariat to host regional educational workshops for countries with no nuclear power reactors, with the goal of encouraging participants to adhere to the CNS and fully participate in the Review Meetings. Information was presented on the various activities which had been conducted by the Secretariat and are being planned.
- 18. The Meeting discussed a Provisional Agenda for the 8th Review Meeting, as attached in Annex VIII. The Meeting also discussed a Provisional Timetable for the 8th Review Meeting, as attached in Annex IX. The Timetable will be issued by the Secretariat in due time before the 8th Review Meeting in 2020.
- 19. Pursuant to Rule 5 of the *Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules*, the Meeting appointed Juan-Carlos Lentijo, the Deputy Director-General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, as Secretary to the 8th Review Meeting, to direct the work of the Secretariat.
- 20. The Meeting discussed holding Officers' Meetings on 5-6 February 2020 and 22 March 2020. In addition, it was decided that an Officers' Turnover Meeting and an Officers' Training Meeting will be held in March 2019.

21. Finally, the Meeting agreed on this Report of the President of the Organizational Meeting.

President

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Title of meeting:	Organizational I	Organizational Meeting for the Eighth Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety						
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- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
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- 4. Establishment of Country Groups
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- 6. Election of the two Vice-Presidents for the Eighth Review Meeting
- 7. Election of other Officers for the Eighth Review Meeting
 - Country Group Chairpersons
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 - Country Group Coordinators
 - Country Group Rapporteurs
- 8. Invitations to intergovernmental organizations to attend the Eighth Review Meeting as observers
- 9. Requests for interpretation during Country Group sessions
- 10. Recommendation of a budget for the Eighth Review Meeting
- 11. Preparation of the National Reports
- 12. Presentation Officers' Experience Feedback on the Peer Review of the Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety (VDNS)

- 13. Report by the Secretariat on Safety Standards
- 14. Organisation of topical sessions
- 15. Report by the Secretariat on the possibility of Video conferencing Country Group Sessions
- 16. Report on actions taken by the Secretariat on the CNS Workshops
- 17. Draft provisional agenda for the Eighth Review Meeting
- 18. Other business

Annex III

Composition of Country Groups for the 8th Review Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety

Country Group 1	Country Group 2	Country Group 3	Country Group 4	Country Group 5	Country Group 6	Country Group 7
USA	France	China	Japan	Russian Federation	Korea, Republic of	India
Ukraine	Spain	Sweden	Canada	Belgium	United Kingdom of Great Britain	Germany
Finland	Czech Republic	Argentina	Hungary	Switzerland	Slovakia	Pakistan
Bulgaria	The Netherlands	South Africa	Armenia	Romania	Mexico	Brazil
Kazakhstan	Slovenia	Italy	Lithuania	United Arab Emirates	Bangladesh	Latvia
Turkey	Belarus	Iceland	Indonesia	Ireland	Jordan	Kuwait
Lebanon	Libya	Luxembourg	Madagascar	Mali	Malta	Montenegro
Myanmar	Niger	Nigeria	Norway	Oman	Paraguay	Peru
Poland	Portugal	Republic of Moldova	Saudi Arabia	Senegal	Serbia	Singapore
Sri Lanka	Syrian Arab Republic	Thailand	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Tunisia	Uruguay	Viet Nam
Albania	Australia	Austria	Bahrain	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Cambodia	Chile
Croatia	Cuba	Cyprus	Denmark	Estonia	EURATOM	Ghana
Greece						

Annex IV

Biographies of President and Vice-Presidents of the 8th Review Meeting



Résumé of

Dana Drábová

Chairperson, State Office for Nuclear Safety

Ms Drábová has served as the Chairperson of the State Office for Nuclear Safety (SÚJB) since her appointment by the Government of the Czech Republic in 1999. SÚJB is the Czech Republic's nuclear regulatory authority, regulating the whole field of the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Prior to her current position, Ms Drábová was a director of the National Radiation Protection Institute (1996 – 1999) and the head of the SÚJB Emergency Response Department (1995 – 1996), earlier she held a scientific position in the Centre of Radiation Hygiene, National Public Health Institute, focusing on the monitoring of ionizing radiation.

Ms Drábová has extensive experience in the regulatory aspects of nuclear sector, including at the international level. She was the Governor for the Czech Republic in the IAEA Board of Governors (2002 - 2004, 2010 - 2012), serving also as its Vice-Chair. From 2006 to 2009 she was the chairperson of Western European Nuclear Regulators' Association (WENRA). She is member of International Nuclear Safety Group (INSAG). Since 2012 she has chaired the IAEA's Commission on Safety Standards. During her tenure the Commission had, among others, the task of examining Safety Standards in the light of the Fukushima Daiichi accident.

Ms Drábová has been part of a number of activities of IAEA, e.g. collaborating on Fukushima Daiichi Accident Report as the external Co-Chair of Working group 3 (Emergency preparedness and response). She participated in several IAEA expert missions.

Ms Drábová is a graduate of the Czech Technical University in Prague - Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering (1985). She was awarded a PhD in nuclear engineering in 2002.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Dr Carl-Magnus Larsson

Address:

Date of birth: 14 June 1951

Chief Executive Officer, Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Present position:

Safety Agency (ARPANSA)

Educational and professional qualifications:

MSc (equivalent), Chemistry and Biology (1974); PhD, Botany (1980); Docent (Associate Professor equivalent), Physiological Botany (1984); all from Stockholm University, Sweden.

Relevant experience: 2010-present: CEO ARPANSA

> 2008-2010: Department Head, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM, formed through merger between the Swedish Radiation Protection Authority (SSI) and the Swedish Nuclear Power Inspectorate in 2008)

2003-2008: Deputy Director General and Department Head, SSI

1996-2003: Department Head, SSI

1996: Project Manager, National Chemicals Inspectorate, Sweden

1993-1996: Project Manager, SSI

1980-1993: Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Stockholm

University

Current Board Memberships:

Member of the International Commission for Radiological Protection (ICRP) since 2005, of the ICRP Main Commission since 2013. Member of the Commission on Safety Standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since 2008.

Former Board Memberships:

Representative (of Sweden, subsequently Australia) to the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation 2008-2016, Chair of the Committee 2012-2015

ENCLOSED

CURRICULUM VITAE

- 1. **Position:** Director, Division of Safety Research
 - · Planning and Management of regulatory research and development progarmme for nuclear installation
 - Nuclear safety research programme
 - Radiation safety research programme
 - Technical support for regulatory assessment
- 2. Name of Company: Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety
- 3. Name: Manwoong KIM
- 4. Date of Birth: 29 May 1959
- 5. Nationality: Republic of Korea

6. Qualification

- Hanyang University / Nuclear Eng. / BS (February, 1983)
- · Hanyang University / Nuclear Eng. / MS (February, 1985)
- University of Ottawa, Ottawa Ontario, CANADA / Mechanical Eng. / Ph.D (October, 1996)

7. Employment Record (Work Experience)

- · 2017 ~ Present: KINS, Principal Researcher
- · 2009 ~ 2016: IAEA, Nuclear Safety Officer of Safety Assessment Section (SAS)
 - Development of safety standards such as safety requirements, guides and technical document in the area of deterministic safety analysis and severe accidents.
 - Technical support and participate in the IAEA-Technical Cooperation Programmes and Asian Nuclear Safety Network Programme as a Technical Officer
- · 2007 ~ 2009: KINS, Section Head of Regulatory Research Department, Safety Analysis
- 1984 ~ 2007: KINS, Project Manager of Licensing and Inspection for Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs)

8. Work Undertaken for CNS

- Advisor for supporting Korean delegate for 7th Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety (2017)
- Working as Nuclear Safety Officer for supporting the Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety ($2009 \sim 2016$)
- · Working staff for preparation of Korean national report to the 1st Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety (1996)

9. International Cooperation Activities and Experiences in Nuclear Safety Field

- 2000 ~ Present: Member of the Korean delegation to bilateral meetings for cooperation in nuclear energy and safety area with the Canada and China
 - Strengthened technical cooperation particularly in the nuclear safety and regulation area through technical information exchange, expert exchange, training assignment and cooperative research programs
 - Contributed to the improvement in technical capabilities and professional competence among Korean regulatory staff and also in the safety of nuclear power plants

10. Languages

Fluent in English and limited reading and writing in Japanese



Annex V

List of requests for interpretation for the 8th Review Meeting

	Country	Interpretation		
		Interpretation During National Report Presentation ONLY	Interpretation During ENTIRE country group sessions	
1.	Albania			
2.	Argentina	Spanish		
3.	Armenia		Russian	
4.	Australia			
5.	Austria			
6.	Bahrain			
7.	Bangladesh			
8.	Belarus	Russian	Russian	
9.	Belgium			
10.	Bosnia and Herzegovina			
11.	Brazil			
12.	Bulgaria			
13.	Cambodia			
14.	Canada			

	Country	Interpretation			
		Interpretation During National Report Presentation ONLY	Interpretation During ENTIRE country group sessions		
15.	Chile				
16.	China		Chinese		
17.	Croatia				
18.	Cuba				
19.	Cyprus				
20.	Czech Republic				
21.	Denmark				
22.	Estonia				
23.	EURATOM				
24.	Finland				
25.	France	French			
26.	Germany				
27.	Ghana				
28.	Greece				
29.	Hungary				
30.	Iceland				

	Country	Interpretation			
		Interpretation During National Report Presentation ONLY	Interpretation During ENTIRE country group sessions		
31.	India				
32.	Indonesia				
33.	Ireland				
34.	Italy				
35.	Japan *)				
36.	Jordan				
37.	Kazakhstan				
38.	Korea, Republic of				
39.	Kuwait				
40.	Latvia				
41.	Lebanon				
42.	Libya				
43.	Lithuania				
44.	Luxembourg				
45.	Madagascar				
46.	Mali				

	Country	Interpretation		
		Interpretation During National Report Presentation ONLY	Interpretation During ENTIRE country group sessions	
47.	Malta			
48.	Mexico	Spanish	Spanish	
49.	Montenegro			
50.	Myanmar			
51.	Netherlands			
52.	Niger			
53.	Nigeria			
54.	Norway			
55.	Oman			
56.	Pakistan			
57.	Paraguay			
58.	Peru			
59.	Poland			
60.	Portugal			
61.	Republic of Moldova			
62.	Romania			

	Country	Interp	retation
		Interpretation During National Report Presentation ONLY	Interpretation During ENTIRE country group sessions
63.	Russian Federation	Russian	Russian
64.	Saudi Arabia		
65.	Senegal		
66.	Serbia		
67.	Singapore		
68.	Slovakia		
69.	Slovenia		
70.	South Africa		
71.	Spain	Spanish	
72.	Sri Lanka		
73.	Sweden		
74.	Switzerland		
75.	Syrian Arab Republic	Arabic	
76.	Thailand		
77.	The F. Y. R. of Macedonia		
78.	Tunisia		

	Country	Interp	retation
		Interpretation During National Report Presentation ONLY	Interpretation During ENTIRE country group sessions
79.	Turkey		
80.	Ukraine		
81.	UAE		
82.	UK		
83.	USA		
84.	Uruguay		
85.	Vietnam		

^{*)} Provide Interpretation booth for Japanese Interpreter

Annex VI

Budget estimate for the 8th Review Meeting

BUDGET ESTIMATE (€)

For the Eight Review Meeting 23 March – 3 April, 2020

Interpretation	380,000
(A, Ch, E, F, R, S)	
Translation	11,000
(A, Ch, E, F, R, S)	
Printing	13,000
Staff	
(Conference Services, Conference clerks, Technicians, Catering)	30,000
Security	36,000
Total Cost Estimate	470,000

[Actual cost for the 7th Review Meeting was \approx 420,000€]

Annex VII

Report to the Organizational Meeting on the Officers' Experience Feedback on the Peer Review of the Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety

Officers' Experience Feedback on the Peer Review of the Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety (VDNS)

Report to the Organizational Meeting

31 January – 1 February 2018

IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria

Introduction

Paragraph 58 of the President's Report from the 7th Review Meeting (RM) of the CNS recommended an action on the Officers to "consider the experiences of the Contracting Parties in reporting on the principles of the VDNS and provide a report to the Organizational Meeting of the 8th Review Meeting for consideration and identification of possible action for the 8th Review Meeting.".

The meeting was held at the IAEA in Vienna on 31 January and 1 February 2018. 18 Officers participated (Appendix 1). The meeting was chaired by the Vice-President of the 7th Review Meeting, Mr Georg Schwarz. In his opening statement, Mr Schwarz noted with pleasure that all Country Groups (CG) were well represented at the meeting and went through the agenda and outlined the structure of the meeting. The President of the 7th Review Meeting, Mr Ramzi Jammal, participated via WebEx.

Presentation of VDNS Findings of the 7th Review Meeting

Mr Craig Lavender, Special Advisor to the President of the 7th Review Meeting (RM) presented the results of the "peer review of the incorporation of appropriate technical criteria and standards used by Contracting Parties for addressing the principles of the VDNS in national requirements and regulations" which was conducted at the 7th Review Meeting.

Mr. Lavender stated that in general, for those Contracting Parties that did so, the information provided in the National Reports (requested by a President's letter) was variable in terms of scope and detail, and not targeted towards the scope of this particular review.

However, if information in the National Reports was useful for the review, this was utilised.

As a result, answers to the specific posted VDNS questions, and the National Presentations were the main source of information to inform the peer review. 40 non-NPP, non-embarking Contracting Parties did not provide VDNS information in National Reports and did not receive

the VDNS questions. Most confirmed in National Presentations that VDNS was not applicable, whilst others provided no information.

Related to Principle 1, the definition of "New Reactor" was not consistent across Contracting Parties, but importantly the majority of Contracting Parties definitions were date based rather than technology based. However, in all cases there was no suggestion that this has led to NPPs being designed or constructed post Fukushima in isolation of the requirements of VDNS principle 1. Most, but not all, embarking countries reported in the relevant articles that they meet IAEA standards in terms of siting and design.

Related to Principle 2, all Contracting Parties reported that they require a process of Periodic Safety Review (PSR) or equivalent, with outcomes reflecting the safety significance, and the implementation of improvements requiring verification, and that such processes generally are aligned with IAEA safety standards. Further and specific details were generally not given and the consistency of outcomes achieved was not able to be determined.

Related to Principle 3, all relevant Contracting Parties stated that they already required the meeting of IAEA safety standards or such standards are taken into account when developing their own national standards, or are actively working towards this.

Related to challenges identified, three Contracting Parties remarked that IAEA should update or prepare guides specific to VDNS, or include additional guidance in existing standards (e.g. clear criteria for timely implementation of reasonably practicable/achievable safety improvement measures).

Feedback from Contracting Parties on their experiences in reporting on the principles of the VDNS

The officers from the seven CGs presented their experiences of how the Contracting Parties had reported on implementing the principles of the VDNS in their National Reports to the 7th Review Meeting. The focus was on the way the National Reports reflected the VDNS and the difficulties on retrieving the information needed for the peer review. In addition, the issues in implementing the VDNS as identified by the Contracting Parties' self-assessments (see Appendix 2) were analysed by the officers of the CGs.

Mr Greg Rzentkowski presented the IAEA activities related to the implementation of the provisions of the VDNS within the context of the IAEA Statute and Safety standards hierarchy.

Based on the discussions, the group of Officers identified the following issues and agreed on recommendations for consideration for action at the Organisational Meeting of the 8th Review Meeting.

Harmonisation of reporting

- Officers identified difficulty to extract relevant information from heterogeneous National Reports.
- Some Contracting Parties sought more guidance on reporting and addressing specific aspects related to VDNS.

Recommendation 1:

Provide guidance on harmonisation of reporting by means of a President's letter to the Contracting Parties of the 8th RM (see Appendix 3 for a possible letter). The letter should be sent out in a timely manner (by end of 2018).

• All Contracting Parties reported that they implement the VDNS but did not always provide practical examples to support this

Recommendation 2:

Contracting Parties should be encouraged to provide practical examples of safety improvements related to the VDNS implementation by means of the above-mentioned President's letter

Harmonisation of terminology / Definition of technical criteria

- Some Contracting Parties expressed the need for further clarification of technical VDNS elements
- Harmonised technical terminology was not seen as an important issue for the peer review process by the officers
- Practical examples (see Recommendation 2) can contribute to the clarification of terminology
- Some Contracting Parties identified implementation of the VDNS in their legal framework and/or backfitting in their existing NPPs to be an issue
- Most of the Contracting Parties operating and/or planning to build NPPs reported on the implementation of the VDNS. However, a minority did not.

No recommendations were agreed.

Discussion across Country Groups of lessons-learned, Challenges and Areas of

Good Performance

The Officers of the CGs analysed the Challenges and Suggestions given to the Contracting Parties in the 7th RM (see Appendix 4) with regard to their VDNS relevance and identified six cross cutting issues:

- Long term operation
- Severe accident management
- Licensing and commissioning of new reactors
- Amendment of national regulation in order to implement the VDNS principles
- Safety improvements at existing NPPs and
- Periodic safety reviews.

The six issues identified are in line with the "major common issues" as agreed on in the Summary Report of the 7th RM. However, the Officers recommended focusing the corresponding reporting on VDNS related cross cutting issues above, as part of recommendation 1.

The Officers received feedback from several Contracting Parties expressing interest in more indepth discussion on technical safety improvements in existing NPPs. Interested Contracting Parties may propose topics for such discussion consistent with para 43 of the Summary report of the 7th RM.

Results of discussion across Country Groups

The group of Officers discussed some other experiences from the 7th RM with a view to improving the operation of the 8th RM.

- The involvement of non-nuclear Contracting Parties should be increased at the 8th Review Meeting
- Non-nuclear Contracting Parties may benefit from a peer to peer discussion in a dedicated Topical session during the 8th RM.
- Interested Contracting Parties may propose topics for such discussion consistent with para 43 of the Summary Report of the 7th RM.

Recommendation 3:

The President of the 8th RM should encourage Contracting Parties without NPPs to delegate technical experts to the RM.

• The CRR has been beneficial to the review process. However, the quality of the CRR is depending on input from Contracting Parties ahead of the RM.

Recommendation 4:

The President of the 8th RM should encourage Contracting Parties to provide proposals for challenges, suggestions and good practices during the question phase on other Contracting Parties National Reports (Annex IV of INFCIRC 571).

• Cooperation between Officers in the CGs is crucial for conducting a successful review process. Sufficient time should be provided to Officers to prepare and coordinate.

Recommendation 5:

The President of the 8th RM should consider organizing an additional Officers' Meeting in September/October 2019 to agree on the templates for the 8th RM and to plan the review.

- "Areas of good performance" provided a useful category to commend the activities of Contracting Parties while maintaining discipline in the application of "good practices".
- The President of the 7th RM noted that the Officers of the Joint Convention 6th RM had also decided to adopt this practice.

Recommendation 6:

Officers of the 8^{th} RM are encouraged to retain the definition of "areas of good performance" in the CRR template.

Annex VIII

Provisional Agenda for the 8th Review Meeting

8th Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties Beginning 23 March 2020, at 10:00 a.m. IAEA Boardroom in M Building Vienna, Austria

A. Opening Plenary (23 March)

- 1. Opening of the Meeting
- 2. Officers of the Meeting
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda
- 4. Request by late Ratifiers to attend Plenary Session of the Review Meeting and to participate in discussions relating to the conduct of subsequent Review meetings
- 5. Credentials of Participants
- 6. Organization of work
- 7. Report from the meeting of the Officers pursuant to Chapter X of the Guidelines regarding the Review Process under the Convention on Nuclear Safety

B. Country Group Sessions

C. Final Plenary

- 8. Presentation and discussion of oral Reports by Country Group Rapporteurs
- 9. Topical Sessions
- 10. Discussion on major common issues
- 11. Presentation and discussion of the Report from the Open-Ended Working Group
- 12. Dates for the next Review Meeting, the Organizational Meeting and the submission of National Reports for the 9th Review Meeting
- 13. Discussion and approval of Summary Report
- 14. Acceptance of the President's Report on decisions and other important actions related to the 8th Review Meeting
- 15. Other business
- 16. Closing of the Meeting

Annex IX

Provisional Timetable for the 8th Review Meeting

Countr	Monday Morning 10:00	Monday Afternoo n 14:00	Tuesda y	Wednes day	Thursda y	Friday	Saturd ay/ Sunda y	Monday	Tuesda y	Wednes day	Thursda y	Friday
Group Room	23.03.20	23.03.20	24.03.2 020	25.03.20 20	26.03.20	27.03.20	28.03.2 0/ 29.03.2 0	30.03.20	31.03.2 020	01.04.20	02.04.20	03.04.202
CG 1							RECES S					D
CG 2	PLENA RY A, C, E, F, R, S						Prepara tion of	PLENA RY	PLENA	PLENAR Y A, C, E, F, R, S	Distributi	Distributio n Final Summary Report
CG 3							Rappor teurs'	A, C, E, F, R, S	RY A, C, E, F, R, S	Discussio n Major Common Issues	on Summary Report	PLENAR Y A, C, E, F, R, S
CG 4							and Summa ry	Rapporte urs 1+2+3	Topical Session 1 (0.5 day)	(0.5 day)	PLENAR Y	Acceptanc e President'
CG 5							Report	Rapporte	Topical Session 2	n OEWG Report	A, C, E, F, R, S	s Report CLOSIN G 8 th
CG 6								urs 4+5+6+7		(**) [Prepara tion Summary	n and Approval Summary Report	RM Press Conferen
CG 7										Report] [Translat ion Summary Report)] (overnigh t)		ce (after the Plenary)

Plenary sessions will be held in \dots

⁽A): Arabic, (C): Chinese, (E): English, (F): French, (R): Russian, (S): Spanish - (*) Interpretation will not be provided in the CG Sessions from 17h00 to 18h30. The Secretariat proposes the following basic schedule for Country Group (CG) Sessions: Countries with large nuclear programme: 4h30, with small nuclear programme: 3h, with no nuclear programme: 1h30. Detailed decision regarding the actual length of sessions should be made at the beginning of each CG session. (**) Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) sessions will be organized every day during the first week of the Review Meeting from ... onwards in The report of the OEWG will then be discussed at the plenary during the second week.