Fourth Meeting of the Contracting Parties and Signatories of the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC)

18 – 21 June 2024 Vienna, Austria

Nature of the Event: To encourage dialogue among CSC parties and signatories on CSC implementation matters, and to work together to promote participation in the CSC worldwide.

AGENDA

		DAY 1: Meeting of CSC Parties and Signatories (Open)				
		Tuesday, June 18, 2024				
9:00	1.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks – IAEA Secretariat				
9:15	2.	Overview of Meeting Agenda and Objectives – Chair				
9:30	3.	PRESENTATION: A Global Regime for Nuclear Liability, the Why and How				
10:00	4.	PRESENTATION: Considerations in Joining the CSC				
10:30	5.	DISCUSSION				
11:00		BREAK				
11:15	6.	PANEL: Industry Presentation on Importance of CSC for New Nuclear				
12:15		Questions and open discussion (Item 6)				
12:30		LUNCH BREAK				
14:00	7.	Report of the CSC Technical Working Group on Mechanisms for Collection and Distribution of CSC International Funds (M. Hammond, Chair, Technical Working Group)				
14:30		Questions and open discussion (Item 7)				
14:45	8.	 TOUR DE TABLE: Presentations by CSC Contracting Parties and Signatories on updates to their domestic nuclear liability regimes (5 minutes per country) CSC Contracting Parties to provide any state updates on their domestic nuclear liability regimes, including New or Retiring Nuclear Installations in Accordance with Article VIII (ALL MEMBER STATES) CSC Signatories to provide a status update on CSC ratification, accession, or consent to be bound (ALL CSC SIGNATORIES) Each Contracting Party and Signatory should prepare a 1-page handout on their domestic nuclear liability regime updates or status on joining CSC, as applicable. 				
15:30		GROUP PHOTO				
15:45		BREAK				
16:00	8.	TOUR DE TABLE: Continued				

WELCOME RECEPTION END OF DAY 1

		DAY 2: Meeting of CSC Parties and Signatories (Open) Wednesday, June 19, 2024			
9:30	9.	PANEL: Considerations in Deciding to Join the CSC			
10:45		Questions and open discussion (Item 9)			
11:00		BREAK			
11:15	10.	PRESENTATION: Report from Insurance Industry			
12:00		Questions and open discussion (Item 10)			
12:15		LUNCH BREAK			
13:30	11.	 Report of the CSC Expansion Working Group (J. Fairchild, Chair, Expansion Working Group) 			
14:30		Questions and open discussion (Item 11)			
14:45	12.	DISCUSSION: Making CSC More Accessible			
15:30		BREAK			
15:45	13.	Update on Current Status of Fukushima-Daiichi & Japan's Experience in Compensation			
16:30		Questions and open discussion (Items 13)			
16:45		Concluding Remarks on Day 2 by Chair			
16:45		END OF DAY 2 / MEETING ADJOURNED FOR OBSERVERS			

DAY 3: Meeting of the CSC Parties and Signatories (Closed to Observers) Thursday, June 20, 2024					
9:30	14.	Discussion of Technical Working Group Report on Mechanisms for Collection and Distribution of CSC International Funds			
10:00		Questions and open discussion (Item 14)			
10:15	15.	Discussion of Expansion Working Group Report			
10:45		Questions and open discussion (Item 15)			
11:00		BREAK			
11:15	16.	Discussion of Future Work			
12:30		LUNCH BREAK			
13:45	17.	Status Report from Working Group Established to Discuss Funding for Non- Nuclear States			
14:45		Questions and open discussion (Item 17)			

15:00	BREAK			
15:15	18. 5 th CSC (Venue, Date, Election of Bureau) and Other Business			
16:30		Concluding Remarks on Day 4 by Chair		
16:45		END OF DAY 3 / MEETING ADJOURNED FOR SIGNATORIES		

DAY 4: Meeting of the CSC Parties (Closed to Signatories and Observers) Friday, June 21, 2024				
9:30	19.	Discussion & Planning of Diplomatic Conference for November 21-22 for the Limited Purpose of Amending Funding for Non-Nuclear States		
10:45		BREAK		
11:00	20.	Discussion & Planning of Diplomatic Conference for November 21-22 for the Limited Purpose of Amending Funding for Non-Nuclear States (Cont'd)		
12:30		LUNCH BREAK		
13:30	21.	Finalization of Chairperson's Report for Fourth Meeting		
15:00		BREAK		
15:15	21.	Finalization of Chairperson's Report for Fourth Meeting (Cont'd)		
16:30	22.	IAEA/Secretariat Closing Remarks		
16:45	23.	Closing - Chair		
17:00		END OF DAY 4 / MEETING ADJOURNED		

Meetings and Related Activities of the Contracting Parties and Signatories to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage

Terms of Reference

1. Objectives

- a. The Contracting Parties to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (the "CSC") intend to meet and cooperate on issues of common interest related to the CSC and nuclear liability, with the following main objectives:
 - i. to identify and examine issues relating to the application of the CSC (including issues related to its operationalization prior to, during, and after a nuclear incident and to its implementation within national legal systems), and to address those issues through guidance, recommendations, interpretations, decisions and other actions, as appropriate;
 - ii. to facilitate additional countries becoming parties to the CSC by identifying, recommending, and implementing actions to increase membership and full implementation, with a view to achieving universal membership and implementation by all countries that may be affected by a nuclear incident; and
 - iii. to address other issues relating to the international legal framework for compensation of, and civil liability for, nuclear damage that is relevant to implementation of the CSC.

2. CSC Meetings

- a. The Contracting Parties intend to meet on an annual basis ("CSC Meeting"). Subject to a different decision that may be taken at any CSC Meeting or, if unanticipated events arise, by the Bureau, CSC Meetings are expected to take place on an annual basis on the dates decided at the previous CSC Meeting and to be hosted by the Secretariat at IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, subject to a different decision that may be taken at any CSC Meeting or, if unanticipated events arise, by the Bureau.
- b. CSC Meetings are expected to be open to all Contracting Parties and Signatories to the CSC ("CSC States").
- c. The Contracting Parties may decide at a CSC Meeting to invite other States, international intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, or other persons to participate in the next CSC Meeting as Observers.
- d. Each CSC State is expected to inform the Secretariat of the point of contact for receiving administrative communications concerning CSC Meetings and related activities.

3. Officers and Bureau

- a. At each CSC Meeting, the Contracting Parties intend to choose the following Officers for the next CSC Meeting: a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. Each Officer is expected to come from a different CSC Contracting Party.
- b. The terms of such Officers begin immediately following the CSC Meeting at which they were chosen and conclude at the conclusion of the next CSC Meeting. Such Officers are eligible to be chosen again for successive CSC Meetings.
- c. The chosen Officers of a CSC Meeting constitute the Bureau, which is responsible for organizing and facilitating the smooth conduct of the next CSC Meeting, including developing the agenda for, and making proposals with respect to, that CSC Meeting.
- d. The Bureau is responsible for taking actions to implement guidance, recommendations, interpretations, and decisions of prior CSC Meetings, as appropriate, and to further the objectives of the CSC Meetings, including conducting outreach activities to encourage other countries to become parties to the CSC.
- e. The Bureau is expected to meet, where practical virtually, at least once every four months after the CSC Meeting at which it was established.

4. Working Groups

- a. The Contracting Parties may decide to establish open-ended Working Groups to discuss specific issues and make recommendations thereon. The Contracting Parties may determine whether a Working Group should be limited to Parties or whether Signatories or invited experts may participate as Observers. Such Working Groups may meet, as appropriate, during a CSC Meeting and/or in the period between CSC Meetings, and, where practical, virtually.
- b. The Bureau is expected to designate a person from a Contracting Party to chair a Working Group. The Officers of the Bureau are expected to be members of each Working Group and are eligible to be designated as a Chairperson of a Working Group.
- c. The Chairperson of a Working Group is expected to:
 - a. Organize and hold meetings on issues identified at CSC Meetings;
 - b. Record Working Group meeting findings, outcomes, proposals and recommendations for sharing on the CSC Restricted Portal;
 - c. Present Working Group meeting findings, outcomes proposals and recommendations at CSC Meetings; and
- d. Extend invitations to experts for those Working Groups that are open to participation by experts as Observers.

5. Decision-Making

a. All decisions taken under these Terms of Reference shall be consistent with and subordinate to the CSC; in the case of inconsistency, the CSC prevails. Decision-making under these Terms of Reference is expected to be by consensus of the Contracting Parties participating in a CSC Meeting, subject to notice to those Contracting Parties with a reasonable opportunity to object, after the meeting. Additionally, any decision made by the Bureau is to be consistent with these Terms of Reference and sent to the Contracting Parties with reasonable notice and an opportunity to object. Any decision to which a Contracting Party has objected is not to be pursued without the unanimous decision of the Contracting Parties.

6. Summary Report

- a. At the end of each CSC Meeting, the Secretariat supports the Bureau's preparation of a Summary Report to be submitted by the Bureau to the CSC Meeting for approval. If approval is not possible at the CSC Meeting, the Summary Report may also be approved electronically thereafter by the Contracting Parties that participated in the CSC Meeting.
- b. The Secretariat circulates the approved Summary Report to all CSC States by electronic means and makes it available on the CSC Restricted Portal. All or part of the approved Summary Report may be made available to the public, if so decided at the CSC Meeting or approved electronically thereafter by the Contracting Parties that participated in the CSC Meeting.

7. Secretariat

- a. The Secretariat for the CSC Meetings is the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs (OLA). Under the overall supervision of the IAEA Legal Advisor and OLA Director, the Section Head of the OLA Nuclear and Treaty Law Section serves as focal point with the support of other staff of the Section, as assigned.
- b. The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funding is expected to:
 - i. Support the organization and conduct of CSC Meetings and related activities, including meetings of the Bureau and Working Groups;
 - ii. Invite CSC States to CSC Meetings through diplomatic channels and request each CSC State to designate their representatives who will attend;
 - iii. Invite Signatories and Observer Countries designated by the Contracting Parties for a specific CSC Meeting;
 - iv. At the invitation of the Contracting Parties or the Bureau, prepare and present background papers and other supporting material to assist the effective and efficient functioning of CSC Meetings, the Bureau and Working Groups, and related activities;
 - v. Assist CSC States to realize the CSC Meeting Objectives, including providing information on the operation of the CSC, the benefits of the CSC, and the importance of the CSC in achieving the global nuclear liability regime for which the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety calls;
 - vi. Maintain a current list of points of contact of CSC States;

- vii. Maintain the Agency's CSC Restricted Website and CSC online Calculator website;
- viii. Coordinate with the Bureau to support the performance of the above activities; and
- ix. This section and other matters within these Terms of Reference relating to Secretariat's role and functions are subject to confirmation of acceptance by the IAEA, and, if necessary, the availability of the necessary extra-budgetary resources of the Secretariat.

8. Languages and Financial Matters

- a. Subject to a different decision that may be taken at any CSC Meeting, the CSC Meetings are held in English only and all documents therefore are written in English only. Any decision that may be taken at any CSC Meeting concerning the use of languages other than English is subject to the availability of the necessary extra-budgetary resources of the Secretariat.
- b. Each Contracting Party, Signatory, and Observer bears the travel and accommodation expenses relating to the participation of its representatives in CSC Meetings. Such participation expenses of CSC States may be covered by the Secretariat only on an exceptional basis, upon request and subject to the availability of the necessary extrabudgetary resources.
- c. Expenses for the organization and conduct of CSC Meetings and related activities are to be borne by the Secretariat, subject to the availability of the necessary extra-budgetary resources. If a CSC Meeting takes place outside of Vienna, the host country and the Secretariat are expected to mutually decide upon the allocation of expenses and the provision of non-monetary resources.
- d. The Contracting Parties endeavour to decide upon a budget for reasonably anticipated expenses during the period after a CSC Meeting and an equitable arrangement for the provision of necessary funding including for the implementation of related activities.
- e. One or more CSC States may provide funding and resources for specified activities.

9. Prior Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference supersede the previous terms of reference for CSC Meetings.



Participation Form Fourth Meeting of the Contracting Parties and Signatories to the CSC

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The last day of the meeting (namely 21 June 2024) will be a closed session for Contracting Parties only.

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