

**Memorandum of Co-operation of the Forum
of the State Nuclear Safety Authorities of the Countries
Operating WWER Type Reactors.**

1. General Provisions

- 1.1 Pursuant to article 4.5 of the Memorandum of Co-operation signed at Sofia on December 21, 1993 the signatories hereby agree the following articles of Memorandum
- 1.2 The Forum of the State Nuclear Safety Authorities hereinafter called "The Forum" will be composed of the state regulatory bodies of the interested countries, which operate WWER type reactors (hereinafter called member of the Forum).
- 1.3 Regulatory bodies of other countries, technical support organizations, or intergovernmental organizations possessing experience in the field of nuclear safety and radiation protection with regard to WWER reactors may take part in the regular meetings of the Forum as observers subject to the agreement of the Forum Chairman.
- 1.4 The purpose of the Forum is to foster enhancement of the nuclear safety and radiation protection in the interested countries through utilization of the collective experience, information exchange and consolidation of efforts of the national nuclear safety authorities to study safety problems and improve regulatory policy and practices.

2. Tasks

To achieve the aforementioned goals the Forum shall organize and co-ordinate the co-operation in the following main fields:

- 2.1 Elaboration of recommendations to the content of the regulatory and technical documentation on nuclear safety on the basis of the IAEA requirements, international experience and experience of the members.
- 2.2 Exchange of experience and co-operation in the organization of efficient control of quality assurance in nuclear installations.
- 2.3 Exchange of experience and co-operation in carrying out scientific research performed to justify nuclear safety.
- 2.4 Evaluation of technical solutions taken to improve nuclear safety.
- 2.5 In-depth analysis and exchange of information on safety significant events.
- 2.6 Discussion of requirements for operating personnel and regulatory bodies staff qualification.
- 2.7 Multilateral co-operation of the nuclear safety authorities and assistance to these bodies to co-ordinate multilateral and bilateral co-operation plans.

- 2.8 Consultations and exchange of experience and information among the regulatory bodies of the countries on safety issues in nuclear power plants.
- 2.9 Promotion of mutual co-operation with, and representation in other international organizations (IAEA, NEA/OECD, CEC, etc).
- 2.10 Co-operation in informing the public in the respective countries on nuclear safety issues.
- 2.11 Exchange of information, experience and decisions taken in the safe handling of radioactive waste and spent fuel management (storage, transport, disposal).
- 2.12 Exchange of information on the current status and planned changes in the legal framework (law, regulations, standards) for regulation of NPP safety, including decisions planned or taken in the area of international conventions (especially the third party liability, safety related conventions, etc.).
- 2.13 Other tasks connected with improving the nuclear safety regulations and practices in the countries of the Forum.

3 Types of Forum's Activities

To implement its tasks the Forum shall:

- 3.1 Take decisions on the matter of organization and procedures of its own work.
- 3.2 Examine nuclear safety problems and make recommendations.
- 3.3 Set up ad hoc working groups to identify issues and make recommendations to be considered by the Forum, convene conferences and other meetings.

Working groups or task forces can also be set up to carry out certain designated activities or programs (e.g., training, computer code development, etc.) on an ongoing or periodic basis.

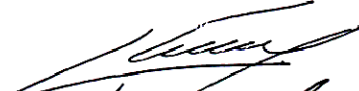
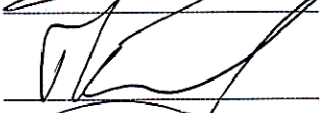
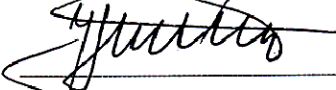
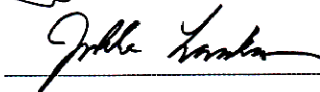
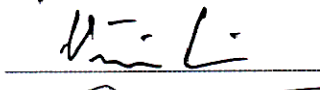
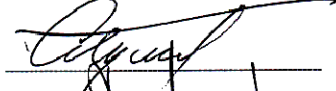
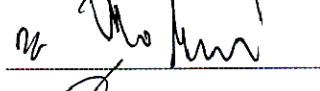
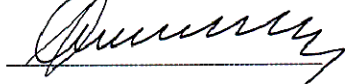
Tasks of the working groups, conferences and meetings, their venue and timing are determined by the Forum and the outcome of their work is discussed at the meetings of the Forum.

4 Miscellaneous

- 4.1 The Forum shall convene its meetings in compliance with this memorandum at least once per year.
Convocation of an extraordinary meeting shall be decided on the agreement among the Forum members. Each meeting shall approve a date and a place of the next meeting. The preliminary agenda will be agreed upon and distributed in due time.
- 4.2 As a rule, the meeting shall be chaired by an Forum member of the state nuclear authority of a hosting country. The functions of the Forum' secretariat shall be executed by the Forum member of the state nuclear safety authority of the country hosting the next meeting.

- 4.3 Regulatory bodies of countries wishing to join the Forum should agree with the Memorandum and sign it.
- 4.4 The Forum is working on the basis of consensus.
- 4.5 This Memorandum could be modified or updated after a decision of the Forum.

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