

CHAIRMEN CONCLUSIONS

Workshop: “Promoting Nuclear Safety Culture in the Arab Countries”, June 13-14, 2011, Beirut, Lebanon

1. The Arab states are invited to hold a meeting to discuss the Nuclear Safety Convention in order to build an Arab consensus on any needed amendments. This meeting will be a preparation to any review meeting to be organized by the IAEA in the future.
2. The Arab countries should establish independent and competent regulatory bodies. These bodies must be independent from the atomic energy users and any political authority.
3. In order to enhance the nuclear safety regime and lower the cost of the electricity, the regulatory bodies in the Arab countries are invited to discuss the process of sharing their nuclear safety infrastructures including the human resources. One possibility is to build a structure (physical or virtual) at an Arab level to ensure technical support to different regulatory bodies (inspection, technical review,...).
4. The participants support the UN Secretary General initiative to organize a summit dedicated to the Nuclear Safety in 2012.
5. Safety culture is a key factor toward the public acceptance of the nuclear energy. In particular the transparency of the nuclear activities within the country contribute to build confidence and trust.
6. All the nuclear activities in the region should be transparent to the International Community. The participants agreed on the necessity to review all the nuclear facilities in the region in order to ensure a high level of safety and security.
7. The participants recommend to adopt a holistic approach to the nuclear safety and nuclear security. This recommendation has to be reflected during the next Nuclear Security Summit in 2012 to be held in South Korea.
8. The participants agreed on the necessity to include all the concerned parties in each country in any development of the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence. The national network success depends on the success of the international networks in the different countries.