



Convention on Nuclear Safety

February 22, 2017

Dr. Nadja Železnik
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Dear Dr. Železnik,

This is in response to your letter (attached), in which you expressed concerns regarding the compliance of Hungary with the Convention on Nuclear Safety and requested that I raise this issue of non-compliance during the 7th Review Meeting.

As you are aware, the 7th Review Meeting on the Convention on Nuclear Safety will be held from 27 March to 7 April 2017 in Vienna. The Convention on Nuclear Safety is an incentive instrument, the preamble to which states that "responsibility for nuclear safety rests with the State having jurisdiction over a nuclear installation" (pp iii). My role as President of the upcoming Review Meeting is described in Annex II of INFCIRC/571, "Guidelines Regarding the Review Process". Additional information on the powers of the President can be found in INFCIRC/573, "Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules".

The purpose of the Review Meetings is to peer review Contracting Parties' reports on the implementation of their obligations under the Convention. In order to achieve this, the Contracting Parties have been divided into seven Country Groups in order to provide each Contracting Party a reasonable opportunity to discuss the reports submitted by other Contracting Parties. At this meeting, it is the role of Contracting Parties to seek clarification during the discussions in the Country Groups on matters such as those you raise in your letter. Discussions held within these Country Group sessions remain confidential in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of the Convention. A Contracting Party may choose to publicly disclose the questions it was asked and the responses it provided, however this is not a matter for the Convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ramzi Jammal', is written over a horizontal line.

Ramzi Jammal
President, 7th Review Meeting, CNS

c.c. DG Amano, DDG Lentijo, IAEA
Gyula Fichtinger, DG, HAEA
Agnes Vizi, HAEA

Attachment: (1) Letter 03 February 2017