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IAEA and IFNEC relations

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IAEA Mission

- IAEA is an independent intergovernmental organization:
 - that serves as the global focal point for nuclear cooperation;
 - assists its Member States in planning for and using nuclear science and technology for various peaceful purposes, and facilitates the transfer of such technology and
 - develops nuclear safety standards and promotes high levels of safety in nuclear applications
 - through its inspection system verifies compliance with the commitments, under the Non-Proliferation Treaty

IAEA and IFNEC Interactions

- IAEA has been observer in IFNEC from the beginning
- IAEA is an active observer at the meetings of
 - Executive Committee
 - Steering Committee
 - Both WG: Infrastructure Development WG (IDWG) and Reliable Nuclear Fuel Services WG (RNFSWG)
- IAEA makes presentations and provides information on our activities
- IAEA has participated in workshops on specific topics: SMRs, Emergency preparedness, HRD for nuclear power infrastructure

Forum for discussion

- All IFNEC members are also IAEA members
- IFNEC has smaller membership, but:
 - more focused to nuclear power
 - Meetings of IFNEC countries provide useful forum for conversations at executive level
 - Exclusivity of membership allows well targeted discussions on future of nuclear power
- IAEA membership is broader and more heterogeneous, meetings of IAEA MSs address broader issues



IAEA – IFNEC in future

- IAEA is ready to continue its role as an observer in IFNEC
- IAEA is open to further discussions how to maximize the use of contributions for the benefit of MSs