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The French institutional framework for waste management, issues and prospects for the future

Parliament's role in the establishment of the institutional framework

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OPECST

- ❑ Set up by Law No. 083-609 of July 8, 1983 “to inform Parliament of the consequences of the choice of scientific and technological options, in particular, so as to enable it to make enlightened decisions”
- ❑ Permanent Joint Select Committee consisting of 18 MPs and 18 senators
- ❑ Proportional representation of pol. groups
- ❑ Scientific council made up of 24 leading figures selected on account of their expertise



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OPECST

- ❑ **Similar in reach and power of investigation to the United States House Committee on Science, Space and Technology**
- ❑ **A matter can be brought before the OPECST by an internal parliamentary body**
- ❑ **Mandated by law to assess the National Research Strategy, the National Radioactive Waste Management Plan, etc.**
- ❑ **Successive reports and public hearings allow a long term follow up on studied matters**



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Intervention of the Parliament

- ❑ **December 14, 1990: first report published on behalf of OPECST on High-Level radioactive waste management**
- ❑ **December 30, 1991: High-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act (No. 91-1381)**
- ❑ **December 1998: 'A long march towards independence and transparency' (report on behalf of the Prime Minister)**
- ❑ **March 16, 2005: 'Standing the test of time: a bill in 2006 on sustainable management of radioactive wastes' (report)**



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- ❑ **June 13, 2006: Transparency and Security in the Nuclear Sector Act (No. 2006-686)**
- ❑ **June 28, 2006: Sustainable Management of Radioactive Materials and Wastes Act (No. 2006-739)**
- ❑ **September 18, 2014 most recent report on nuclear issues: 'Evaluation of the National Plan for Radioactive Materials and Waste Management, 2013-2015'**
- ❑ **Since 1990, 30+ reports published by OPECST on nuclear issues**



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