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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of its Member States and has the honour to request that they draw the attention of the appropriate Governmental authorities to the forthcoming Workshop on Nuclear Power Newcomers and International Cooperative Actions from 3 to 5 November 2009, at its Headquarters in Vienna.

This workshop is a follow-up meeting of two previous IAEA workshops held in Vienna on:

- "The Roles and Responsibilities of Vendor Countries and Countries Embarking on Nuclear Power Programmes to Ensure Long-term Safety" July 2008.
- "Evaluation Methodology for Nuclear Power Infrastructure Development" December 2008.

Building on the conclusions from the above mentioned workshops, this follow-up workshop will contribute to:

- 1. Understanding the issues that newcomers are currently facing in introducing their nuclear power programme in safe and sustainable ways;
- 2. Understanding the newcomers' expectations regarding the necessary assistance and needs;
- 3. Further understanding what experienced countries could do to support the infrastructure development efforts in countries embarking on nuclear power;
- 4. Establishing a common international understanding of the responsibilities of vendor countries and newcomers and ways to cooperate, to share experience and to achieve confidence regarding newcomers' infrastructure.

The attached Information Sheet outlines the programme and provides further details of the workshop.

The workshop will be held in English only.

Each Member State is invited to nominate an expert or experts from the Ministry responsible for the nuclear power programme, atomic energy commissions or equivalent, regulatory bodies, technical support organizations, utility organizations, vendors, and nuclear and research centres engaged in activities related to nuclear infrastructures.

Due to budgetary constraints, the IAEA is not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of nominated participants in this workshop. Limited funds are, however, available to help cover the cost of participants from Member States eligible to receive technical assistance under the IAEA's technical cooperation programme. Such assistance may be offered, upon specific request, to two participants per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, these participants will make an important contribution to

the meeting. The application for financial support should be made at the time of nominating the participant.

The Secretariat wishes to state that compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of the experts' personal property. However, for the period of their engagement with the IAEA, including travel between their residence and the duty station, the designated experts will be covered under the IAEA's insurance policy for permanent total disablement or death resulting from service-incurred accidents or illness up to a maximum of  $\in 100\ 000$  for permanent partial disablement resulting from service-incurred accidents or illness up to a maximum of  $\in 100\ 000$  and for medical expenses up to a maximum of  $\in 100\ 000$  for supplementary travel and accommodation expenses in case of illness or injury resulting from service-incurred accidents or illness or injury resulting from service-incurred accidents or illness in accordance with the terms of the IAEA's relevant insurance policy. This insurance coverage only covers accidents and illnesses insofar as they clearly result from attendance at an IAEA meeting. The IAEA recommends that the expert also make arrangements for private insurance on an individual basis.

It would be appreciated if the IAEA could be informed before **31** August 2009 of the name and address of the expert(s) Governments may wish to designate as participants(s) in the meeting.

Requests for further information concerning scientific aspects of the event should be addressed to the IAEA's Scientific Secretaries for the meeting: Mr Masahiro Aoki (Division of Nuclear Power) and Mr Stephane Calpena (Division of Nuclear Installation Safety), IAEA, PO Box 100, Wagramer Strasse 5, 1400 Vienna, Austria; Email: <u>m.aoki@iaea.org</u> or <u>s.calpena@iaea.org</u>, Tel. +43 1 2600 22800 or Tel. +43 1 2600 22040; Fax No.: +43 1 2600 7.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity of assuring the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of its Member States of its highest consideration.



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Enclosures: Information Sheet Application Form (Form A) Grant Application (Form C) Questionnaire for Nuclear Power Newcomers Questionnaire for Vendor Countries