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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Member States and has the honour to request that they draw the attention of the appropriate governmental authorities to the forthcoming **Technical Meeting on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources with regard to Long Term Strategies for the Management of Sealed Sources**. The meeting will be held at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, **from 29 June to 1 July 2009**.

The purpose of the Technical Meeting is to discuss certain legal and technical issues and possible strategies related to the management of sealed sources, in particular when these sources are reaching the end of their life cycle, or when orphan sources are detected at borders or during transport. These issues have been raised in previous meetings on sharing of information on States' implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources¹ (hereinafter referred to as the Code) and its supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources (hereinafter referred to as Guidance) in 2007 and 2008 respectively (Chairman's Reports attached). Participants in these meetings considered that there was a need for further international discussion on these subjects.

The conclusions of the Technical Meeting will be used by the Secretariat as input for the next information exchange meeting on the Code and its Guidance, scheduled for 2010.

The Secretariat wishes to recall that the Code was endorsed by the General Conference in resolution GC(47)/RES/7.B. Since then, 93 States have made a political commitment to the Code in line with resolutions GC(47)/RES/7.B and GC(48)/RES/10.D. The Guidance was endorsed by the General Conference in resolution GC(48)/RES/10.D. To date, 51 States have notified the Director General of their intention to act in a harmonized manner in accordance with the Guidance.

The meeting will be held in English only.

The Scientific Secretaries of the Meeting will be Mr Hilaire Mansoux, Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, and Mr Wolfram Tonhauser, Office of Legal Affairs.

Owing to budgetary constraints, the IAEA is not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of nominated participants in this meeting. Limited funds may, however, be available to help cover the cost of some participants. Such assistance may be offered, upon specific request, to one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the meeting. The request for financial support should be made at the time of nominating the participant.

The IAEA Secretariat would be grateful to receive Governments' nominations no later than **31 March 2009**. Nominations should be submitted through the normal official channels for the attention of Mr Hilaire Mansoux, Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, International Atomic Energy

¹ <http://www.iaea.org/Publications/Documents/Infcircs/2005/infcirc663.pdf>

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Nominations should include the full name(s) and complete contact details of the designated participant(s), including: postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address.

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



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Enclosure: Chairman's Report 2007
Chairman's Report 2008