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Registration

There is no registration fee.

Language

The conference will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation into and from Russian will be provided.

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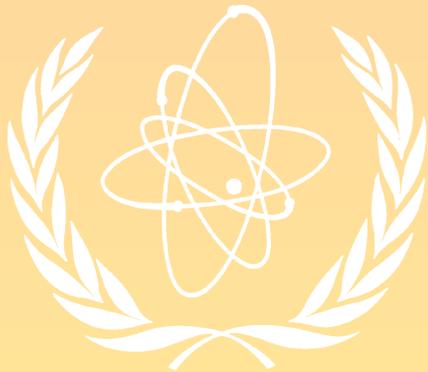
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International Conference on Security of Radioactive Sources

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Hofburg Kongresszentrum
Vienna, Austria
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Background

Radioactive sources are abundant and are extensively used around the world in a wide range of medical, industrial, agricultural and research applications. Some sources contain relatively large amounts of radioactive material that could potentially be used for malevolent purposes. The possibility that terrorists might attempt to use radioactive materials for malevolent purposes has raised questions about the adequacy of the security of radioactive sources. With this aim in mind and in view of increasing interest from its Member States, the IAEA is organizing this **International Conference on Security of Radioactive Sources**.

Objectives

The objectives of the Conference are to promote a wide exchange of information on and to raise governmental and public awareness of key issues relating to the security of radioactive sources, including those posed by their potential malevolent use. It is expected that the Conference will help to foster a better understanding of the nature of the threat of their potential malevolent use, ways to diminish such threats, and the necessary measures for preparedness and response in case they do arise.

Audience

The conference is addressed to a broad range of officials and experts involved in ensuring the security, radiation safety and regulation of radioactive sources, as well as law enforcement officials, customs officials and border control experts.

Scope

The scope of the conference will include:

- General background of the nature and extent of the potential threat posed by radioactive sources.
- Identifying, searching for, recovering and securing high risk, vulnerable radioactive sources.
- Strengthening long term control over radioactive sources.
- Interdicting illicit trafficking and/or strengthening border controls.
- Planning the response to radiological emergencies arising from the malevolent use of radioactive sources.

Conference Sessions

Two Topical Sessions will address: (i) the remedial measures necessary to identify, search for, recover and secure high risk, vulnerable radioactive sources; and (ii) prospective measures to prevent the loss of control over radioactive sources by strengthening their long

term control and security. Special emphasis will be given to the threat posed by the potential malevolent use of radioactive sources.

In each Topical Session, **Invited Speakers** will present **Expert Papers** addressing a number of key issues relating to the topic. The experts' papers are expected to address, among other matters, steps governments might take on their own or with the assistance of the IAEA in order to address concerns about the security of radioactive sources. The presentation of each Expert Paper will be followed by a general discussion.

Four **Panel Discussions** among senior experts will address the following specific issues: (i) interdicting illicit trafficking; (ii) roles and responsibilities of the various parties involved; (iii) planning the response to radiological emergencies arising from the threat of malevolent use of sources; and (iv) the role of the news and information media, as well as public education, communication and outreach. The Panel Discussions are expected to establish a basis for possible future action on these issues.

Key Deadlines

15 January 2003 – Submission of grant applications.

1 March 2003 – Submission of Government designations.

