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**« The « Joint convention » 2006 Review  
meeting  
Results and future perspectives »**

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## INTRODUCTION

### The « Joint Convention » and its Review mechanism

#### Scope of application (art. 3)

- Safety of spent fuel management (from the operation of civilian nuclear reactors) - not SF « held at reprocessing facilities as part of a reprocessing activity » (unless reprocessing is declared to be part of spent fuel management by the CP)
- Safety of radioactive waste management from civilian applications
- Discharges

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- **The convention does not apply to SF or RW within military or defence programmes, unless :**
  - if a CP decides so
  - if SF or RW from defence programmes are “transferred permanently to and managed within exclusively civilian programmes”

▶ **A large scope**

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## National reports (art. 32)

**“CPs shall submit a national report to each review meeting. This report shall address the measures taken to implement each of the obligations of the convention”**

## Review meetings (art. 30)

**A reasonable opportunity for CPs to discuss reports submitted by other CPs and to seek clarification on such reports**

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**To help with this Review process  
some documents were adopted by the CPs :**

- **Infcirc 603 : Guidelines regarding the Review process**
- **Infcirc 604 : Guidelines regarding the form and structure of national reports**

**▶ a review in Country groups, not thematic sessions, which allows a thorough and global review of the situation of SF and RW management in each country**

## **I – The second Review meeting : May 15-24, 2006**

### **I-1 : Participation**

**41 Contracting Parties (including Euratom) among them almost all major nuclear countries**

**Russia participated fully (submission of a national report + presentation and discussion of this report in a Country group)**

**China participated but, being a late ratifier, did not submit a report**

## I-2 : Discussion in Country groups

**5 Country groups, with approximately  
8 countries for each group (with « nuclear » and  
« non nuclear » countries)**

**Ex. : Group 1 : Romania, the Netherlands, Croatia,  
Brazil, USA, Belgium, Belarus, Italy**

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**A large diversity of national situations but all CPs shared the view that the discussion in Country groups, allowing a global overview of the situation in each country, showed progress since the 1st Review meeting**



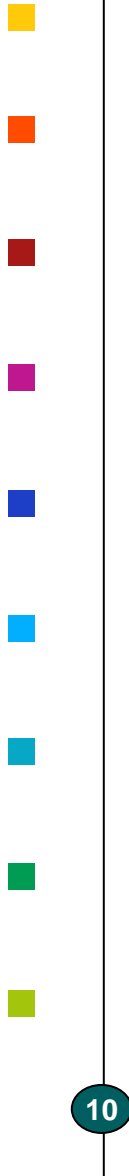
## I – 3 : Main achievements

**A summary report is adopted by consensus by the CPs and made available to the public (art. 34 of the convention)**

**What does the “Summary report” say ?**

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**First, this summary report is concise (6 pages – against 20 in 2003) and operative (with a limited number of highlights, conclusions and commitments)**

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## Highlights :

- Exchanges were open and frank = fruitful discussions
- CPs are actively engaged in developing national strategies for SF and RW management – Some are already well advanced in implementing those strategies

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-          - Engagement with stakeholders and the public is a major issue – Consultation and transparency : a key to success in implementing national strategies
- « Regional repositories » : a difficult but raising issue
- Need to ensure proper financing of national strategies

## Commitments for the future :

- To continue to promote membership in the convention and its Review process
- Make efforts to produce more focused but still self standing national reports
- In the national reports, provide more details on the practical implementation of actions taken

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- Place greater emphasis in national reports and oral presentations on lessons learned and feedback experience with the implementation of concrete actions

## II - PERSPECTIVES : the 3rd Review meeting

When ? : 11 – 22 May 2009

## II – 1 Participation

**It was insisted during the Review meeting that participation in the convention should be further improved through :**

- organised IAEA efforts**
- bilateral efforts for mentoring and sharing of experience**
- financial assistance**



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- ▶ **These efforts should be directed to the 3 nuclear countries still missing :**

**India, Pakistan, South Africa**

## II – 2 Improvement of the Review process

- **Some CPs felt that the Review process might be improved**
- **The 2nd Review meeting showed a mature, strong Peer Review process, through Country group review**

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- ▶ **This strong Peer review should be further enhanced**
  - by keeping the “Country group” approach (in depth, global vision of the situation) and trying to further increase openness and transparency
  - through participation at high level = Top regulators

## II – 3 Concrete actions

- ▶ **CPs with nuclear programmes should develop national actions plan, taking into account the need for public acceptance, allowing them to implement their strategies**

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## II – 4 EU level

**Euratom, CP to the convention, is presenting a report on implementation of its obligations under the convention**

**The EU should take stock of this opportunity to :**

- better coordinate, early in the process**
- define a few concrete issues of common interest**
- ▶ Emphasize EU MSs experience in the field of SF and RW management**

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## CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ **A useful tool for a comprehensive approach to SF and RW management worldwide**
- ▶ **4 ideas for the future :**
  - **India, Pakistan, South Africa**
  - **Top regulators**
  - **National action plans**
  - **EU coordination**