

- urgent ratification by all States of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

To date, only 52 States and the European Community have ratified the Convention. To make the instrument truly effective, universal adherence is necessary;

- encouragement to State Parties to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material to ensure that Convention Points of Contact are able to provide information promptly, and that response plans are prepared for incidents of loss or recovery of nuclear material ;

- reaffirmation of support for a strengthened and cost-effective safeguards system through the I.A.E.A.'s Program 93 plus 2 and recognize the need to implement comprehensive safeguards agreements designed to provide credible assurance of the non-diversion of nuclear materials from declared activities and of the absence of undeclared activities in accordance with obligations contained in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty ;

- encouragement for the application of the I.A.E.A. recommendations on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material .

These recommendations provide useful guidance on measures for the physical protection of nuclear material in use, transit, and storage. The application of these recommendations, adapted as appropriate to national circumstances, would ensure a consistent and high level of security for both nuclear facilities and nuclear materials;

- encouragement to all States to apply the recommendations concerning physical protection in the Nuclear Suppliers Guidelines (Infcirc 254/Rev. 2/Part II Annex C) ;

- support for the efforts to ensure that all sensitive nuclear material (separated plutonium and highly enriched uranium) designated as no longer required for defence purposes is safely and effectively stored and protected and placed under I.A.E.A.-safeguards (in the Nuclear Weapon States, under the relevant voluntary offer I.A.E.A.-safeguards agreements) as soon as it is practicable to do so ;

- encouragement to additional international cooperation to help ensure effective material accounting and control and physical protection of all nuclear material including :