

the Contracting Parties under their laws to protect information from disclosure. For the purposes of this article, "information" includes, inter alia, information relating to national security or to the physical protection of nuclear materials, information protected by intellectual property rights or by industrial or commercial confidentiality, and personal data.

2. When, in the context of this Convention, a Contracting Party provides information identified by it as protected as described in paragraph 1, such information shall be used only for the purposes for which it has been provided and its confidentiality shall be respected.
3. With respect to information relating to spent fuel or radioactive waste falling within the scope of this Convention by virtue of paragraph 3 of Article 3, the provisions of this Convention shall not affect the exclusive discretion of the Contracting Party concerned to decide:
 - (i) whether such information is classified or otherwise controlled to preclude release;
 - (ii) whether to provide information referred to in sub-paragraph (i) above in the context of the Convention; and
 - (iii) what conditions of confidentiality are attached to such information if it is provided in the context of this Convention.
4. The content of the debates during the reviewing of the national reports at each review meeting held pursuant to Article 30 shall be confidential.

ARTICLE 37. SECRETARIAT

1. The International Atomic Energy Agency, (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") shall provide the secretariat for the meetings of the Contracting Parties.
2. The secretariat shall:
 - (i) convene, prepare and service the meetings of the Contracting Parties referred to in Articles 29, 30 and 31;
 - (ii) transmit to the Contracting Parties information received or prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

The costs incurred by the Agency in carrying out the functions referred to in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above shall be borne by the Agency as part of its regular budget.

3. The Contracting Parties may, by consensus, request the Agency to provide other services in support of meetings of the Contracting Parties. The Agency may provide such services if they can be undertaken within its programme and regular budget. Should this not be possible, the Agency may provide such services if voluntary funding is provided from another source.