

## CHAPTER 1. OBJECTIVES, DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION

### ARTICLE 1. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Convention are:

- (i) to achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety worldwide through the enhancement of national measures and international co-operation including, where appropriate, safety-related technical co-operation;
- (ii) to establish and maintain effective defences in nuclear installations against potential radiological hazards in order to protect individuals, society and the environment from harmful effects of ionizing radiation from such installations;
- (iii) to prevent accidents with radiological consequences and to mitigate such consequences should they occur.

### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Convention:

- (i) "nuclear installation" means for each Contracting Party any land-based civil nuclear power plant under its jurisdiction including such storage, handling and treatment facilities for radioactive materials as are on the same site and are directly related to the operation of the nuclear power plant. Such a plant ceases to be a nuclear installation when all nuclear fuel elements have been removed permanently from the reactor core and have been stored safely in accordance with approved procedures, and a decommissioning programme has been agreed to by the regulatory body.
- (ii) "regulatory body" means for each Contracting Party any body or bodies given the legal authority by that Contracting Party to grant licences and to regulate the siting, design, construction, commissioning, operation or decommissioning of nuclear installations.
- (iii) "licence" means any authorization granted by the regulatory body to the applicant to have the responsibility for the siting, design, construction, commissioning, operation or decommissioning of a nuclear installation.

### ARTICLE 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Convention shall apply to the safety of nuclear installations.