# Building public confidence in nuclear energy (I)

## Assessment of existing framework

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#### Introduction Existing framework; main features

### Existing framework; assessing strengths and weaknesses

**Factors of evolution** 

Conclusion

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Nuclear peaceful uses developed in a global perspective (Atom for Peace)

Introduction

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- Complex and rather comprehensive global framework, legal/political commitments and international tools, IAEA central role
- Is it enough to build public confidence?
   Public perception differs from risk assessment, needs confidence in institutions and people, "needs to know" C. Jorant SDRI GNI Washington DC June 28, 2016



### **SAFETY** SAFETY

*Technical failure Natural event Human error* 

#### SECURITY

*Terrorist attacks on facilities Insider threat Theft Dirty bomb* 

#### PROLIFERATION

*Through use of imported material, equipment and technology Through theft Through indigenous development and procurement* 

#### NUCLEAR ENVIRONMENTAL "LEGACY" or FOOTPRINT Decommissioning & Dismantling The Waste issue



#### Nuclear safety regime

#### Emergency preparedeness

#### Nuclear security regime

#### Non Proliferation regime



#### Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS)

#### IAEA implementation

### Joint Convention on safety of spent fuel management and safety of radioactive waste management (Joint Convention)



#### World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO)

### Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident

Emergency preparedness and response

#### Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency

#### Implementation

### Nuclear security regime

#### Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM)

### 2005 Amendment

#### INFCIRC 225/rev5 Nuclear Security recommendations on PPNM and nuclear facilities





#### UN Resolution 1540

#### ICSANT / International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism April 2005

#### NSS process (2010/2016)



#### WINS/ World Institute for Nuclear Security

#### ENSRA/ European Nuclear Security Regulators Association

## Treaties and International commitments NPT the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty

Non proliferation regime

The regional Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaties/ NWFZ (Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, Semipalatinsk)

Bilateral agreements (US 123 and main supplier countries)



 Safeguards agreements
 International (INFCIRC 153,INFCIRC 66, and Voluntary Offers agreements (VOA)

Additional Protocols

Multilateral, Regional safeguards system; Euratom Treaty, chapter 7

Bilateral (ABACC)



## Export Controls Zanger Committee

#### NSG Nuclear Supplier Group and guidelines (INFCIRC 254)



#### Achievements in specific fields

Some weaknesses/failures

Global strengths

Global weaknesses

Achievements in specific fields

Safety;

• Chernobyl accident, 3 conventions within 10 years, WANO

Assessing the strengths and weaknesses

- Fukushima, stress tests process and safety upgrades
- Security ;
  - Before 9/11 already CPPNM and INFCIRC 225,but
  - post 9/11, ICSANT, UN 1540, Adoption of CPPNM amendment
  - NSS process and gift baskets C. Jorant SDRI GNI Washington DC June 28, 2016

#### Non Proliferation and safeguards

• India peaceful explosion in 1974 prompted NSG

Assessing the strengths and weaknesses

- Discovery of Irak nuclear programme prompted 92+3 resulting in Additionnal Protocols and on going strengthening of export controls (NSG dual use list, fullscope safeguards)
- International cooperation on Illicit trafficking of nuclear material
- Reporting on Iran activities

## But some major failures/weaknesses in specific fields

Assessing the strengths and weaknesses

- Safety
  - Fukushima
  - No legally binding regular "inspection" requirement
  - Adaptation to local changing environment?
  - Finance issue?
- Security
  - Design basis threat differs from State to State
  - No common « standards », difficult to measure levels of achievements

#### Security (continued)

- No full access to security measures, info
- No legally binding regular inspection requirement
- Non Proliferation and safeguards
  - North Korea
  - Iran (failure or success?)
  - NPT universality, break out scenario
  - Financing needs

#### Global Strengths

- Issues are internationally covered
- IAEA a stable, capable UN organization good tool, produced wide range of documents and guidance, contribute to diffusing « nuclear culture »
- Responsibility is assigned and need for international cooperation is recognized
- Different actors involved ; States, Industry, NGO
- Emerging safety, non pro, security culture?
- System has shown capacity to evolve DC June 28, 2016

- Global Weaknesses
- Universality issue
- Legal status, binding/non binding, signature/ ratification
- Enforcement system (sanctions)
- No absolute standards (security, export controls, some room for interpretation and exceptions)
- Adaptable system but long lead time to transform proposals into agreed texts

#### Global Weaknesses (continued)

- Achievements in the waste area at national and international levels still lagging behind
- Global sensitivity to any event in world
- Segmented area with sometimes overlaps and conflicting zones

### Climate change

Expansion of nuclear to Newcomers

**Evolution Factors** 

- New suppliers
- New events
- New technologies, Science (IT, chemistry, material)
- Lack of resources for IAEA
- Economic constraints, fierce competition lack of solidarity and responsibility

Public confidence in the nuclear option is key to future development and calls for

An improved, perhaps simplified regime

A further strengthening of the regime needs
 Strengthened global and national governance structures

Development of a global safety, security and non proliferation culture and international cooperation

Conclusion

Development of a global safety, security and non proliferation culture and international cooperation

Expanded education and training capacities involving all stakeholders, covering both technical and non technical aspect

Availability of waste repositories, demonstration of dismantling

#### AND

Improved, timely, long term and consistent public communication and involvement

Conclusion