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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: Working Party on Atomic Questions

On: 22 February 2019

Subject:

- Regulation establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina power plant
- Regulation establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste
- Draft Council conclusions: a European system of topical peer reviews for nuclear safety
- Draft Council conclusions: enhancing safety of nuclear facilities and materials through a better physical protection
- Draft Council conclusions: other uses of nuclear technologies than for electricity production
- Any other business

Before beginning the discussion of the agenda items, the Presidency asked the Council Legal Service to speak on the following topics:

- the transfer of decommissioning and waste management liabilities from the JRC to the host Member States (in relation to agenda item 2);
- the legal aspects of possible Council Conclusions on enhancing safety of nuclear facilities and materials through a better physical protection.

1. Regulation establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina power plant

The Presidency opened the floor for comments on the latest version of the document, distributed to delegations on 20 February.

Delegations were invited to submit their written comments by 27 February.

2. Regulation establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste

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3. Draft Council conclusions: a European system of topical peer reviews for nuclear safety

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Delegations were invited to submit their written comments by 22 February COB, with a view to launching a silence procedure on the text in the last week of February, before putting the item on the Coreper II agenda.

4. Draft Council conclusions: enhancing safety of nuclear facilities and materials through a better physical protection

The Presidency provided the delegations with additional explanations on the opportunity to adopt Council conclusions on this topic and then opened the floor for comments.

The Presidency indicated that, for the next WP, a non-paper with background information should be distributed, with the aim of facilitating the discussion on the topic.

5. Draft Council conclusions: other uses of nuclear technologies than for electricity production

Before opening the floor for comments, the Presidency and the Commission introduced the topic using two PowerPoint presentations.

Delegations were invited to share three examples of good practices in the field by the end of April, with a view to compiling a booklet that the Presidency intends to distribute at Council meetings.

Any input to the brainstorming on the topic was encouraged.

The next Atomic Questions Working Party meeting will take place on **8 March 2019**.
