National progress report

Republic of Armenia

The Republic of Armenia has taken the following steps in the field of nuclear security:

Realizing the importance of fulfilling the obligations undertaken by the RA under the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, a Draft Law on Regulation of State Register and Control of nuclear materials has been developed and submitted to the RA National Assembly.

The draft law has been developed with support of the United States and IAEA experts.

2. The RA has initiated the required internal procedure to ratify the Amendment from 2005 to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials. In the nearest future the related documents will be submitted to the RA Constitutional Court and National Assembly.

3. The issues related to physical protection of nuclear materials and nuclear facilities are reflected in the Law of the RA on Safe Utilization of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes and the relevant RA Government Decrees.

The physical protection systems of the ANPP and the Radioactive waste storage facilities have been upgraded with the support of the Governments of US and the United Kingdom.

The workshops on illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials are regularly conducted jointly with the USA. The workshops contribute to strengthening of the regime of control over nuclear and radioactive materials and their movement in the RA.

4. We support the Code of Conduct on safety and security of radioactive sources.

5. At the same time the Armenian Nuclear Regulatory Authority has completed the process of accounting of the nuclear and radioactive materials; all the persons that hold licenses to deal with nuclear and radioactive materials have been registered in the state register.

6. The physical protection system of radioactive materials is being revised. Rules on physical protection of radioactive materials that will enable to establish more strict physical protection regime for the radioactive materials of categories 1 and 2 are being developed.