

**Joint statement on
Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres / Centres of Excellence
for the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit
Submitted by Italy**

On the occasion of the 2014 The Hague Nuclear Security Summit, the following States, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam recall the Joint Statement on Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres (NSSCs) issued at the 2012 Summit held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and note that the International NSSC Network now has over 100 members from 39 States and that 12 States have established such centres since the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit.

States noted above reaffirm the value of the NSSC Network in strengthening international and regional cooperation and collaboration to promote nuclear security education and training. They also encourage the IAEA and other stakeholders to work with and to support the further development of nuclear security training and support centres / centres of excellence and to explore the synergies between education and training that such centres can provide for national, regional and global nuclear security.

They welcome the IAEA's activities carried out in conjunction with the NSSC Network to promote the establishment of centres and, in particular, activities to provide for the exchange of information and best practice that would strengthen capacity building and nuclear security culture, and maintain a well-trained cadre of technical experts in States.

Acknowledging the importance of the NSSC Network to promote coordination amongst such centres and recognising the importance of avoiding duplication and overlap, they also encourage regional cooperation initiatives and other initiatives to facilitate greater information sharing on and harmonization of respective capabilities and plans among individual centres in particular regions.

Joint Statement on Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres resulting from the 2012 Seoul NSS

On the occasion of their participation in the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit, Algeria, Australia, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States note their intent to collaborate in the form of the International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres (NSSCs) aiming to build up a cadre of highly qualified and well trained nuclear security personnel, provide specific technical support required for effective use and maintenance of instruments and other nuclear security technical systems, as well as provide scientific support for the detection of and the response to nuclear security events in a country.

In accordance with its Nuclear Security Plan for 2010-13 approved by the Board of Governors in September 2009, the International Atomic Energy Agency's Office of Nuclear Security supports these member states through coordination of the activities of the Network. The IAEA's Nuclear Security Web Portal (NUSEC) provides a platform to facilitate coordination and sharing of best practices.

These NSSCs enhance nuclear security at the national level and promote many of the elements of the Communiqué and Work Plan of the 2010 Washington Nuclear Security Summit and the Communiqué of the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit. In particular, they support human resource development and education and training in nuclear security, enhance nuclear security culture, and maintain a well-trained cadre of technical experts.