



NUCLEAR SECURITY SUMMIT 2014

NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

ARGENTINA

Since the Seoul Nuclear Security Summit in 2012 Argentina has been undertaking several actions in support of nuclear security and the goals of the Summits.

1. The International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism is currently under the consideration of the Argentinean Legislative Power, where it has been already approved by the Senate and awaits to be analyzed by the Congress.

On November 2012 Argentina and the IAEA jointly organized a Regional Workshop on Facilitating Adherence to the 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2. Argentina considers that the strengthening of national nuclear security should be addressed as a process and not just individual milestones. Hence, our country pays special attention to continuously guaranteeing the security of the existing facilities, as well assuring that new facilities are built according to national norms and updated international nuclear security standards.

3. In its capacity as IAEA Regional Training Centre Argentina promotes a nuclear security culture through several training courses such as the "Regional Training Course on the Prevention and Protection Measures against Sabotage at Nuclear Facilities" held in San Carlos de Bariloche on November 2012 and the "Regional Training Course on Information and IT Security" held in Buenos Aires on December 2012.

4. In terms of international nuclear security related activities Argentina participates in the International Program for the Reduction of Enrichment for research Reactors (RERTR) as well as in the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) within which framework Argentina and Chile are jointly setting a table-top exercise to be held in Buenos Aires on August 5th, 6th and 7th 2014. Such event will provide an excellent opportunity to share national, regional and global lessons and experiences on response to and mitigation of the consequences of a terrorist act.

5. Argentina continues to undertake uninterrupted efforts in the promotion of the reduction of HEU at the global level. In the technological field in particular Argentina has converted its research and multipurpose reactors and has also designed and converted research and multipurpose reactors in other countries in order to operate with LEU, according to the recommendations of the Global Threat Reduction Initiative.

6. Argentina stands by and fully supports the idea of establishing Centers of Excellence and Support in different regions, and stresses the importance of activities in such Centers being developed in different languages.

7. Argentina is undertaking significant efforts towards strengthening border control national infrastructures and capabilities. During this period Argentina has developed several bilateral training activities in countries of our region in order to contribute with their endeavors to strengthen their national capabilities for sensitive commodities identification.

8. In the area of strengthening the cooperation between government and nuclear industry, the workshop on "Ways to improve security of Front End of Radioactive Sources" was held in San Carlos de Bariloche on November 2012 with the participation of national and international nuclear companies, government organizations and international NGO's.