



NUCLEAR SECURITY SUMMIT 2014

NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

SUPPORT FOR ICSANT

The Council of Ministers took the decision on 9 February 2014 to present to parliament the bill relating to Jordan's accession to International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT). The Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament placed the bill on the parliamentary agenda on 23 February 2014. It now awaits parliamentary adoption.

COUNTER-NUCLEAR SMUGGLING

The Council of Ministers took the decision to create a Counter-Nuclear Smuggling Team on 8 September 2013, to be led by the Jordan Armed Forces and comprising the General Intelligence Directorate, the Jordan Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Ministry of Interior, the Directorate of Public Security, and the Customs Department.

Jordan has, since the Seoul Summit, conducted intensive bilateral consultations and embarked on site visits, to NSS countries that have made considerable progress in the area of Nuclear Security and Counter-Nuclear Smuggling, including the United States of America, Lithuania and France.

Jordan hosted an international workshop at the Dead Sea entitled "Counter-Nuclear Smuggling" from 5-6 February 2014, under the sponsorship of the Royal Hashemite Court and in cooperation with the Jordan Armed Forces and the Middle East Scientific Institute for Security. The objective of the workshop was to deepen the collective understanding of NSS states, as well of the IAEA and INTERPOL, regarding the nature and variability of the threats, the optimal design for an effective state response, and the challenges of state-to-state cooperation (particularly on information sharing). A second objective of the workshop was to examine the possibility of greater all-round collaboration, including: between states; between states and inter-governmental organizations and; between states, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (with expertise in this area).

Jordan also participated in technical workshop on Counter-Nuclear Smuggling in Karlsruhe, Germany from 11-13 February 2014, and further participates within the framework of the Global Initiative to Counter-Nuclear Terrorism.