Dear visitor,

On behalf of the Government of the Czech Republic, I would like to welcome you to the official site of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). The NSG is a group of forty-eight nuclear supplier countries from all corners that seeks to contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons through the implementation of two sets of Guidelines for nuclear exports and nuclear related exports.

My country feels proud and honoured to have been entrusted by NSG Participating Governments to chair the NSG between June 2013 and June 2014, for the second time in the Group’s history already. It is my personal privilege to carry out this duty and I am doing my utmost to advance the noble goals lying ahead of the NSG.

Our chairpersonship followed on from a very successful United States 2012-2013 chairmanship during which a three-year fundamental review of the control lists was completed. The Czech chairpersonship started with a plenary session held in Prague on 13 and 14 June 2013. The Prague NSG plenary reiterated among other things the NSG’s firm support for the full, complete and effective implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), expressed concerns about the growing challenges to the international nuclear non-proliferation regime including the implications of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s and Iran’s nuclear programmes, and agreed to publish the revised NSG control lists through IAEA’s INFCIRC/254 Parts 1 and 2. The results of our intensive work on the control lists are
reflected in more effective export controls carried out by our export control authorities on a national basis.

Current complex challenges to the non-proliferation regime must be addressed by all existing instruments in a coordinated manner. The NSG, promoting transparency and greater supplier responsibility in the transfer of nuclear and nuclear-related items, has an irreplaceable role in the system of these instruments. Since its inception in 1974, it has been assessing relevant information, discussing good practices on licensing and enforcement and contributing significantly to global efforts to counter ever evolving nuclear threats, thus substantially reinforcing the spirit and purposes of the NPT.

One of the important aspects of the NSG’s activities is outreach to third countries which is carried out in the format of the so called Troika, consisting of the current, former and future Chair. The NSG calls consistently on all nuclear supplier states to express their responsible approach to nuclear exports by adhering to the NSG Guidelines.

In summer 2014, Argentina will take over the NSG Chair from the Czech Republic.

Thank you for your interest in the NSG and its activities. More information on the NSG and its activities including the results of all recent Plenaries can be found on the website under the area for public statement in the “Documents” page; and in the IAEA’s INFCIRC/539 document.

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