



Open-ended Meeting of Technical and Legal Experts to Share Information on States’ Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and its Supplementary Guidance

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Information Sheet

A. Introduction

The *Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources* (hereinafter referred to as the “Code of Conduct”) which was approved by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors in 2003 and endorsed by IAEA General Conference the same year in resolution GC(47)/RES/7.B, applies to all radioactive sources that may pose a significant risk to individuals, society, and the environment (Category 1 to 3 radioactive sources), as referenced in Annex I of the Code of Conduct. Further, the Code of Conduct establishes that every State should take the appropriate measures necessary to ensure “that the radioactive sources within its territory, or under its jurisdiction or control, are safely managed and securely protected during their useful lives and at the end of their useful lives.” To date, and in line with resolution GC(47)/RES/7.B, 153 Member States have written to the IAEA Director General to indicate that they fully support and endorse the IAEA’s efforts to enhance the safety and security of radioactive sources, and is working towards following the guidance contained in Code of Conduct (hereinafter referred to as “political commitment” as per paragraph 5 of GC(47)/RES/7.B).

Supplementary to the Code of Conduct is the *Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources* (hereinafter referred to as the “Import and Export Guidance”) and the *Guidance on the*

Management of Disused Radioactive Sources (hereinafter referred to as the “Disused Radioactive Sources Guidance”).

The Import and Export Guidance applies to Category 1 and 2 radioactive sources and is intended to improve the safety and security of imports and exports in accordance with the provisions outlined in paragraphs 23 to 29 of the Code of Conduct. The Import and Export Guidance was initially endorsed by the IAEA General Conference in resolution GC(48)/RES/10.D in 2004 and in 2011 was revised and endorsed by the General Conference in resolution GC(55)/RES/9. To date, 140 Member States have notified the Director General of their intention to act, as appropriate, in a harmonized manner with the Import and Export Guidance. Moreover, 153 States have nominated a Point of Contact for the purpose of facilitating the export and/or import of radioactive sources in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Import and Export Guidance.

The Disused Radioactive Sources Guidance applies to all radioactive sources within the scope of the Code of Conduct (Category 1 to 3 radioactive sources) and advises on the management options for disused radioactive sources in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct. The Disused Radioactive Sources Guidance which also takes into account the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (1997) as well as Safety Standards and Nuclear Security Series publications and the Nuclear Energy Series was endorsed by the IAEA General Conference in resolution GC(61)/RES/8 in 2017. To date, 77 States have notified the Director General of their political commitment to implement the Disused Radioactive Sources Guidance.

In resolutions GC(69)/RES/7 on Nuclear and radiation safety and GC(69)/RES/8 on Nuclear security, the 69th IAEA General Conference encouraged all Member States to make political commitments to the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance and to work towards their implementation in order to maintain effective safety and security of radioactive sources throughout their lifecycle, and requests the Secretariat to continue supporting Member States in this regard and to promote these instruments. It is in the above-mentioned context and in line with the process to share information on States’ implementation of the Code of Conduct and its supplementary Guidance endorsed by the 2006 IAEA Board of Governors, as set out in Annex 2 to IAEA document GOV/2006/40-GC(50)/3.¹ that the IAEA Secretariat is organizing this Open-ended Meeting for Technical and Legal Experts on States’ Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and its Supplementary Guidance (hereinafter referred to as the “event”).

B. Objectives

The main objective of the event is to promote a wide exchange of information on national implementation of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance.

Noting the legally non-binding nature of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance, and the voluntary nature of the process, such an exchange of information will:

- a. Assist States in their national implementation of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance, by enabling them to learn from the experiences of others and to evaluate their own implementation progress;

¹ Available online at: http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC50/GC50Documents/English/gc50-3_en.pdf.

- b. Increase the knowledge of States concerning the capability of other States to manage Category 1, 2, and 3 radioactive sources in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance;
- c. Enhance the IAEA Secretariat's awareness of the implementation of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance, which will assist the Secretariat in the planning of the IAEA's activities;
- d. Invite and encourage more States to make a political commitment to, and to implement the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance;
- e. Raise and maintain awareness of the need for continued effective regulatory control of radioactive sources and sustainable implementation of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance.

The main output of the event will be clear recommendations to assist in ensuring the safe and secure management of radioactive sources within the scope of the Code of Conduct (Category 1 to 3 radioactive sources) throughout their lifecycle.

Accordingly, discussions during the event and chair's report may identify areas where implementation of the Code of Conduct and supplementary Guidance and the process to share information could be improved.

C. Target Audience

The event is primarily intended for legal and technical experts from States involved in the safe and secure management of radioactive sources, and in the national implementation of the Code of Conduct and its supplementary Guidance. Participants should have experience in the establishment, implementation, and supervision of provisions for the safety and security of radioactive sources. States are invited to designate one or more participants for this event.

Participants are encouraged to prepare **national papers** and to complete the **Survey on Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources² (survey)** to facilitate the sharing of implementation experiences and to provide these to the Secretariat by **Friday, 24 April 2026** to facilitate their review. **The submission of a national paper and completed survey by Friday, 24 April 2026 is one of the conditions for consideration of financial support to participate in the event.** Unless participants indicate otherwise, the national papers will be made available to other nominated participants in advance of the event through a secure platform. Survey results will be presented by the Secretariat as a collective and will not identify individual Member States. Participants are encouraged to use **Guidelines on Preparation of National Papers on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and Its Supplementary Guidance³** when preparing their national papers. Templates for the national presentations will be provided following review of the submitted national papers and survey and will focus on identified thematic topics.

² Survey on Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources will be distributed to nominated participants.

³ Guidelines on Preparation of National Papers on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and its Supplementary Guidance will be distributed to nominated participants.

D. Working Language(s)

The event will be held in English.

E. Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **Friday 20 February 2026**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **Friday 20 February 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency’s Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and

assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning the IAEA InTouch+ platform.

F. Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event, however, the IAEA has limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to one participant per country provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event, including through the **submission of a national paper and completed survey by Friday, 24 April 2026**.

The application for financial support should be made at the time of designating the participant and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA by **20 February 2026**.

G. Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

H. Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page: <https://www.iaea.org/events>.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

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