The Atomic Energy Commission received today a report titled "Strengthening of Japan's Nuclear Security Measures" from the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Security. This is a follow-up of the report titled "Fundamental Approach to Ensuring Nuclear Security" submitted by the Committee last September that proposes a nuclear security regime in Japan in view of "Fundamentals of a State's Nuclear Security Regime (draft)" ("Fundamentals") issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is the highest ranked publication in the IAEA Nuclear Security Guidelines series. And this report proposes to the Government and license holders a basic policy for adopting the best practices presented in three IAEA Nuclear Security Recommendations (January 2011), which are ranked next to "Fundamentals", as well as those measures identified as necessary to be implemented urgently by the accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP.

The report urges to start the discussion of practical design of a system for determining the trustworthiness of individuals who are authorized to enter vital areas, and implement those measures identified by the accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP promptly. It also urges the organizations responsible for ensuring nuclear security and the individuals who belong to these organizations to nurture the Nuclear Security Culture, namely, the assembly of characteristics, attitudes and behaviours of individuals, organizations and institutions which serves as means to support, enhance and sustain nuclear security, and pursue public understanding and cooperation for implementing nuclear security measures such as limitations of access to specified areas and restrictions of individuals to bring their belongings in the premises in an effective and efficient manner. Furthermore, the report urges the necessity of international cooperation and contribution to improve every aspect of global nuclear security regime and measures as a member of international society.

The Commission evaluates this report as appropriate, and asks related regulatory bodies, security authorities and other administrative agencies and license holders to observe the content of this report and strengthen nuclear security measures steadily, bearing in mind the importance of reinforcing mutual collaboration, while obtaining public understanding and cooperation.

The responsibility to plan a basic policy for nuclear security, which the Commission assumes currently, will be assigned to a newly established government agency, Nuclear Safety and Security Authority. The Commission expects the new agency to make sure that the related administrative bodies and authorities will promote their mandatory tasks in accordance with this report, while reviewing it appropriately.