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Concept for GNEP Procedures & Structure

Partners and Observers

- The Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) is cooperation of those sovereign States that share the common vision of the necessity of the expansion of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes worldwide in a safe and secure manner. A state may become a Partner only by affirming and signing the GNEP Statement of Principles. Invitations to join GNEP are sent on behalf of Partners taking into account compliance with commitments and international obligations, international standards in the nuclear area, appropriate safeguards and the requirements of UN Security Council Resolution 1540. During a reasonable period of time that States take to consider accepting the invitation to join GNEP, such states may be described as Candidate Partners. By consensus of GNEP Partners, a country that is not a Candidate Partner may also be invited to participate as an Observer for a reasonable period of time. Inter-governmental organizations that have a direct relationship to nuclear energy matters may also be admitted, but only as Observers. The admission of any membership or observership in GNEP shall be decided by consensus within GNEP. Only officials from Partner States may take part in decisions, which are to be made by consensus.

Executive Committee, Steering Group and Working Groups

Cooperation based on GNEP Principles and Objectives requires coordination of GNEP activities and decision-making processes. For this purpose, the following organization structure is proposed

- Executive Committee: members are the Ministerial-level officials designated from each GNEP Partner or Observer. Each GNEP Observer may also designate a Senior Official to sit on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is expected to convene annually, or more often as may be agreed by the members of the Executive Committee. When the Executive Committee meets in a Partner state, that Partner is expected to serve as the Chair for and host of the Executive Committee meeting.
- Steering Group: members are designated by the GNEP Partner and Observer senior officials from the Executive Committee. All activities are to be carried out at the direction of, and consistent with, decisions of the Executive Committee. The Steering Group serves as the body to carry out actions on behalf of GNEP and may seek guidance from the Executive Committee as necessary. The Steering Group may establish a Chair and Vice-Chairs, as agreed upon by consensus of the Steering Group. The Chair and Vice-Chairs should serve for period of not longer than two years, unless incumbents of those positions are reaffirmed for an additional term or terms.
- Working Groups are to be established at the request of the GNEP Partner or Observer senior officials of the Executive Committee or the Steering Group in order to carry out work in particular areas. The Steering Group is expected to approve Terms of Reference for each Working Group and duration of the activity. The Working Groups may establish a Chair and Vice-Chairs, as agreed upon by consensus of the Working Group. Each Working Group will carry out its activities at the direction of and consistent with recommended Terms of Reference and recommendations of the Executive Committee and Steering Group. The Working Groups may recommend to disband any Working Groups or amend their Terms of Reference. The Chair and Vice-Chair should serve for a period of not longer than two years, unless incumbents of those positions are reaffirmed for an additional term of term.

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