

# NUCLEAR POWER PLANT EXPORTERS' PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT

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Mr. President,

The companies participating in the Nuclear Power Plant Exporters' Principles of Conduct and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, met for the initiative's fifth implementation review meeting (March 5 and 6, Brussels, Belgium). Background information on this initiative and a list of adopting companies can be found in Annex 1 of this letter.

At this meeting participants were briefed on issues related to the upcoming sixth review meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety. In light of the importance they attach to the Convention as a key pillar of the global nuclear safety regime, the companies participating in the Principles of Conduct would like to communicate to you, and through you to the contracting parties, the following statement:

"The companies participating in the Nuclear Power Plant Exporters' Principles of Conduct support updating safety objectives for nuclear power plants, as an objective for the sixth review meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety. The companies underscore the importance they attach to active participation in the Convention by all contracting parties."

The companies look forward to learning about the meeting's outcomes and its decisions regarding the proposed language for advancing these objectives. They wish you every success in your role as the Chairman of this all important and timely review meeting.

Sincerely,



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*Executive Secretary for the Nuclear Power Plant Exporters' Principles of Conduct*

CC: Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency  
Mr. Denis Flory, Deputy Director Nuclear Safety and Security, International Atomic Energy Agency

## ANNEX 1

### The Nuclear Power Plant Exporters' Principles of Conduct

Facilitated by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Principles of Conduct were developed by the world's leading nuclear power plant vendor companies, in close consultation with prominent nuclear experts and with input from the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO), drawing where appropriate on International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and related norms. The Principles complement national and international laws, and incorporate the cumulative experience with nuclear technology of the participating companies. They are intended to promote free and fair competition in the market for nuclear power plants and to enhance the likelihood that the development of nuclear energy will proceed safely, securely and responsibly.

The participating companies have undertaken, at the highest levels, to implement the Principles in the course of their business activities. Since the Principles' adoption and public announcement in September 2011, the companies have already convened five review meetings and established a secretariat. The secretariat has assumed responsibilities for the day-to-day coordination from the Carnegie Endowment, although Carnegie remains a close advisor to the process. Through this review process, the companies update each other on their implementation efforts and discuss best practices. They regularly review the Principles as warranted to strengthen this document and ensure it reflects new developments in international nuclear norms. The companies continue to engage new exporters as well as enhance cooperation with key nuclear stakeholders. Adoption of the Principles is open to other vendor companies; through a review process there is a means for new entrants into the export market to adopt the Principles.

The following companies have adopted the Principles of Conduct:

- AREVA
- ATMEA
- Babcock & Wilcox
- Candu Energy
- GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy
- Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy
- JSC Rusatom Overseas
- Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (including Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems)
- Toshiba
- Westinghouse Electric Company

The most recent version of the Principles of Conduct text, as well more information on this initiative and its participants, can be found at: [www.nuclearprinciples.org](http://www.nuclearprinciples.org).