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Statement from Mr Andrej Stritar, Chairperson of ENSREG, following the 14th Group's meeting of 1 February 2011

New ENSREG Vice-Chairpersons and new Chairs of the Working Groups on Nuclear Safety and Transparency unanimously elected. Recommendations put forward by the three ENSREG Working Groups endorsed. Decisions on the progress of the organisation of the 2011 European Nuclear Safety Conference adopted.

At the 14th ENSREG meeting, the new Member Michael Herttrich (DE) and Andreas Molin (AT) were unanimously elected in the positions of Vice-Chairpersons. Mr Herttrich will also take over the position of Chair of the Working Group on Nuclear Safety and Mr Molin that of Chair of the Working Group on Transparency.

ENSREG was informed of, reviewed and took several decisions related to the progress made by its three Working Groups:

- The Working Group on Nuclear Safety progressed towards fulfilling its Work Programme tasks on the implementation of the Nuclear Safety Directive¹. The main document endorsed by ENSREG at this 14th meeting was the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between ENSREG and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the modalities for carrying out international peer-review missions to the EU Member States. In addition, agreements on the implementation of the common learning process from the Convention on Nuclear Safety review meetings and on the development of a European IRRS programme of peer-reviews² were reached.
- The Working Group on Waste Management proposed a Statement on the Commission proposal for a Council Directive on the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste, which was endorsed by ENSREG.
- The Working Group on Transparency reported on (i) the Guidance for National Regulatory Authorities on principles for openness and transparency and (ii) the proposed structure and timetable of the second 2011 ENSREG Activity Report to the European Parliament and the Council of the EU.

The status of the organisational preparatory steps taken in view of the European Nuclear Safety Conference scheduled on 28/29 June 2011 was reviewed. ENSREG agreed: (i) the revised programme of the Conference and (ii) the Guidelines for the speakers and Chairs for the said event.

The next ENSREG meetings for 2011 will take place on 12 May and 11 October.

¹ Council Directive 2009/71/EURATOM of 25 June 2009 establishing a Community framework for the nuclear safety of nuclear installations: OJ L 172/18 of 02.07.2009

² See Chairperson Statement for the 13th ENSREG meeting (HLG_p(2010-13)_49)