Statement from Mr Andrej Stritar, Chairperson of ENSREG, following the 18th Group's meeting of 25 April 2012

ENSREG Peer Review Report and Joint Statement endorsed. A brief exchange of views on off-site emergency preparedness and review of Nuclear Safety Legislation followed.

The main discussion point of the meeting was the discussion on and endorsement of the report prepared by the peer review board. A joint statement of ENSREG and the European Commission was discussed and approved after silence procedure. The Austrian ENSREG Member decided to abstain.

The main points discussed were: additional site visits, the aspects of airplane crashes and site-specific information to complement the current report. A presentation from WENRA on concrete follow-up was provided and the decision was taken to establish a Task Force to define actions and an action-plan to be performed in the next weeks.

Another point briefly discussed was the review of nuclear safety legislation. Only three ENSREG Members have presented their preliminary views so far (United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Greece). Most of the ENSREG Members stated that at this stage it is too premature to discuss this issue.

A short exchange of views on the the Initiative for the EU harmonisation of off-site emergency preparedness took place. Several Members stressed the complexity of the issue which involves diverse national authorities and responsibilities. It was decided that the same Task Force as mentioned above shall come up with more concrete proposals.