

Statement from Mr. Andy Hall, Chairperson of ENSREG,

following the Group's 28th meeting of the 16th October 2014

ENSREG welcomed Mr Andy Hall, Chief Nuclear Inspector of the UK's Office for Nuclear Regulation, as their new chairman. Mr Hall expressed his vision for ENSREG to strive for improved nuclear safety through a process of continuous improvement. He highlighted the importance of the international peer review scrutiny of regulatory systems in the delivery of this result.

ENSREG approved the Terms of Reference for its 2nd National Action Plan Peer Review workshop, to be held in April 2015. They agreed to invite the USNRC to participate in this workshop.

ENSREG agreed to formally invite WENRA (Western European Nuclear Regulators Association) to develop proposals for the topics and processes of the Topical Peer Reviews required by the revised Nuclear Safety Directive.

ENSREG exchanged preliminary views on the themes and topics for its 2015 ENSREG conference and established an organising committee to develop the event under the leadership of Mr Les Philpott of the UK. Mr Molin of Austria was endorsed as the president of the conference.

ENSREG endorsed the draft text of its revised MoU with the IAEA to facilitate cooperations in the domain of the Peer Reviews under the Nuclear Waste Directive.

ENSREG reflected on the subject of its Working Group structure and their mode of operation. ENSREG mandated a small group to prepare and present a proposal to the next ENSREG meeting on working group reform.

ENSREG received a presentation from ENISS on its activities and agreed to an exchange of views on future relevant common issues and agreed to invite the Athleth chairman, Mr Philippe Jamet, to present the group's report on Off-Site Emergency Preparedness to the next ENSREG meeting.