Resolution in Support of Nuclear Safety and Security

Whereas the International Atomic Energy Agency has established seven pillars for nuclear security and safety, focused on maintaining physical integrity of facilities and equipment functionality, ensuring operating staff can make safety and security decisions unimpeded, maintaining offsite power supply, undertaking effective radiation monitoring systems and emergency response measures, and maintaining reliable communications with regulators and others;

Whereas the Nuclear Energy Institute supports the implementation of the IAEA pillars and other protocols to ensure the safe and secure operation of nuclear facilities throughout the world;

Whereas any action compromising a nuclear facility’s ability to implement the IAEA pillars or other safety and security protocols, or isolating plant personnel from the international nuclear community potentially endangers plant workers, the local population, and neighboring countries;

Whereas nuclear plant workers must be permitted to fulfill their safety and security responsibilities and engage in decisionmaking necessary to continue the safe operation of their nuclear power facilities;

Whereas the Russian Federation’s military action in Ukraine poses serious and direct threats to the safety and security of that nation’s nuclear facilities and their personnel;

Whereas the Nuclear Energy Institute supports Ukrainian nuclear plant worker efforts to maintain safety and security of Ukraine’s nuclear facilities under extraordinarily difficult circumstances; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of NEI condemns any action that undermines the ability of nuclear plant workers to take measures necessary to ensure safety and security.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Directors condemns the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine as a violation of international law and calls for the immediate withdrawal of Russian forces and the end of all Russian military actions at or near the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant and other Ukrainian nuclear facilities.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Directors joins with other global nuclear associations and professional societies in supporting the efforts of the IAEA to ensure the security and safety of Ukraine’s nuclear facilities, including the establishment of a demilitarized safety protection zone around all its nuclear plants and access to the resources and material of the global nuclear community.

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