

The Role of Parliamentarians in Promoting Nuclear and Radiological Security – The Way

Forward

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Nuclear/Radiological Security in the Region

- The region hosts 3 major nuclear powers: China, Pakistan and India.
- As of August 2021, there are :
 - <u>About 140 operable nuclear power reactors.</u>
 - <u>35 under construction.</u>
 - Plans to build an additional 60, mostly in China.
- A disturbing growing number of nuclear weapons, particularly in China. It is believed that at least 400 silos will soon be operable in western China.
- Release of one million tons of wastewater from Fukushima in the ocean.
- In India, in May, 2 individuals were arrested for possessing 7.1kg of uranium.
- In august, the government decided to install Radiation Detection Equipment (RDE) at all eight Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) on the country's borders with Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal, to detect smuggling of radioactive materials.

Possible Action Points for Parliamentarians



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• Raise the matter of Ratification of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT), the Convention for the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and Its Amendment (ACPPNM), as appropriate, with relevant Government Ministries - encourage ratification of these treaties.

• Raise this same matter within your respective Parliaments, also in relevant Committees, in order to generate greater/broader awareness and political will in terms of moving forward with treaty ratification, once your Governments transmit these treaties to your Parliaments

• Consider writing an article in a suitable media outlet on this subject matter, also to raise awareness on the urgency and importance of this issue among the wider public

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• Consider exploring the possibility of conducting a TV or Radio interview for the same reason.

• Consider mentioning this Webinar, its subject matter and your participation in any social media outlets that you may use in your day to day political activities such as Facebook or Twitter

• Consider outreaching to experts in your own capitals, including individuals responsible for Nuclear and Radiological matters in relevant Government Ministries/Agencies who can also advise further on the situation within your own respective countries

• For further advise on effective parliamentary diplomacy/advocacy options, consider staying in contact with PGA and/or outreach also to the experts from the different relevant organizations who have presented at this Webinar today

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- Nuclear/radiological materials have a greater impact on women
 - On the physical health
 - On the psychological health
 - Social stigma
- **Resolution 1325 (2000)** Addresses the impact of conflict on women
- Resolution 1820 (2008) Recognizes conflict-related sexual violence as a tactic of war
- **Resolution 1888/9 (2009)** Provides for more effective implementation of Resolution 1820, including by establishing a Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Resolution 1960 (2010)** Focuses on post-conflict peacebuilding, includes a strategy for increasing the number of women participating in peace talks

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- **Resolution 2106 (2013)** Reaffirms the earlier commitments
- **Resolution 2122 (2013)** Sets in place stronger measures to improve women's participation and representation in conflict resolution
- **Resolution 2242 (2015)** On women's roles in countering violent extremism and terrorism and improved Security Council working methods on women, peace and security CEDAW General Recommendation No. 30 (2015).
- **Resolution 2272 (2016)** Provides measures to address sexual exploitation and abuse in peace operations.
- **Resolution 2467 (2019)** Calls on parties to conflicts around the world to put an end to sexual violence immediately, to prevent such acts in the future, and introduces accountability measures for perpetrators.



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We welcome your questions and comments.

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