

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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Dear Senator Nunn,

It was a pleasure to see you in Oslo in February and to hear your ideas about the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS), a new organization to promote best practices among nuclear facility operators.

At the Agency we are of the view that a comprehensive nuclear security framework requires a combination of prevention, detection and response measures established within a robust legal structure, and effective implementation amongst the producers and users of nuclear and other radioactive materials. As the full support of nuclear operators is key to effective nuclear security, I am confident that establishing a forum to help share and promote best practices amongst them will improve nuclear security, and contribute to and complement the efforts of the IAEA towards establishing and helping to implement a global nuclear security regime based on internationally accepted norms and guidelines.

I am pleased, therefore, to provide my support and endorsement for the establishment of the World Institute for Nuclear Security to be based in Vienna. The security of nuclear and radioactive material has always been, and will remain, of the very highest priority to the international nuclear community. I therefore welcome the intention of WINS to give increased attention to the corporate dimension of nuclear security and thereby contribute to improved nuclear security worldwide and wish it every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,



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