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## THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND 11 OTHER STATES ENDORSE THE WINS ACADEMY'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY WORLDWIDE – IAEA INFCIRC/901

Vienna, Austria, December 14, 2016 – The World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) is pleased to announce that on 1 December 2016 the Government of Canada submitted a Joint Statement on Certified Training for Nuclear Security Management to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The Statement acknowledges the international recognition of the need for nuclear security training, education and certification and commits to providing advocacy, peer review, contributions and other means as necessary to support the WINS Academy's efforts to expand its international certification programme.

Also endorsed by Finland, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States, the Statement welcomes "other States, supported by industry and civil society, to provide a tangible commitment in support of the WINS Academy and certified professional development for nuclear security. Together we can help to ensure that nuclear and other radioactive materials remain secure under the management of demonstrably competent professionals." The Statement will now be circulated to all IAEA Member States as Information Circular 901 (INFCIRC/901). Any additional Member States that wish to endorse the Joint Statement may do so.

WINS believes there is an urgent need for the international community to bring nuclear security into line with the standards that apply to so many other professions and that people take for granted in their personal and business lives. Taking such steps will give personnel with accountability for security the professional recognition they deserve for the challenging job they do every day to help ensure the security and safety of nuclear and radiological materials.

Dr Roger Howsley, Executive Director of WINS, said: "We are delighted by the leadership shown by Canada and co-signatories of this important statement on certified training for nuclear security and sincerely hope that other States and the IAEA will commit to these policy objectives. The IAEA has the opportunity to do so in its next Security Plan covering the period 2018-2021. Taking such a step would signal a determination to ensure that nuclear security management and regulation are subject to professional standards. WINS is delighted to have been recognised for our contribution to this cause, and we are committed to working proactively in partnership with others to provide high quality, thought provoking and innovative courses and training materials that help achieve security excellence."

To read the full text of the Joint Statement, see [Joint Statement on Certified Training for Nuclear Security](#). For more information about WINS, see [WINS](#) and the [WINS Academy](#) or email us at [info@wins.org](mailto:info@wins.org)