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South Africa participated in the Joint 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.



The South African delegation to the joint 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> IAEA Review Meeting was led by NNR CEO, Ms Ditebogo Kgomo and supported by Mr Orion Phillips, NNR Executive NPP, Mr Peter Bester, NNR NPP Programme Manager, and Eskom's Middle-Line Manager Mr Israel Sekoko. NNR Board member Mr Mosia was also part of the delegation.

As a seasoned Contracting Party, South Africa demonstrated that it had maintained a high level of nuclear safety through the effective implementation of a sound regulatory framework and conducting active regulatory oversight. This was achieved through active national measures, international cooperation with several role players, and bi-lateral partners. Protective measures required by the NNR are in place at the Koeberg NPP for the prevention of accidents and potential radiation hazards that are subject to regulatory control. The NNR provides assurance that effective defenses are in place at the NPP to control radiological hazards and to ensure the safety and security of people and the environment.

The participation provided South Africa with the opportunity to benchmark the practices of the NNR with other Contracting Parties. The Convention on Nuclear Safety Review Meeting is one of the most important obligations for a country that operates a nuclear power station. The delegates to the Review Meeting were well over 900 from about 73 Contracting Parties, the highest level of parties since 1996.

To confirm the performance standard set by South Africa, the NNR presented three Areas of Good performance which was endorsed by the Country Group. These included performance for inspections conducted during the Covid-19 pandemic, oversight of the

Steam Generator Replacement project, and the initiatives that have been undertaken regarding the implementation of a Safety Culture within the NNR.

Having fulfilled the entire process and requirements for the 9<sup>th</sup> Review Cycle, South Africa reaffirmed its commitment to meet the objectives of the Convention on Nuclear Safety and will continue to maintain the highest level of nuclear safety regulatory oversight in the country.

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