

2016 IAEA International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions

Statement by the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction

In 2002, the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (Global Partnership) was launched in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks in recognition that terrorists are prepared to use any means to cause terror and inflict appalling casualties on innocent people. The Global Partnership was initiated to prevent terrorists, and those that harbor and support them, from acquiring, developing or using chemical, biological and nuclear weapons; missiles; and related materials, equipment and technology. Today the Global Partnership is comprised of 30 members that have adopted the goals of non-proliferation and the prevention of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) terrorism. Since 2002, the Global Partnership members have funded well over \$20 billion in the area of CBRN security.

A major component of the Global Partnership's work is cooperative assistance funding in the areas of nuclear and radiological security in order to mitigate the global threat of nuclear terrorism. The Global Partnership's Sub-Working Group on Nuclear and Radiological Security promotes the continued funding and coordination of projects and activities that strengthen global nuclear and radiological security, to include, inter alia, physical protection, border security, nuclear security culture, nuclear forensics, transportation security, treaty implementation, and training at Nuclear Security Training and Support Centers. The Global Partnership is also comprised of member states that are the leading contributors to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Security Fund and many of the aforementioned projects are accomplished with support from the IAEA.

Global Partnership members remain steadfast in their cooperation efforts to bolster global nuclear and radiological security, and reaffirm the central role of the IAEA in strengthening the global nuclear security architecture. The Global Partnership strongly supports the IAEA International Conference on Nuclear Security and its goals for promoting and enhancing nuclear security worldwide.