

# Treaty Event at the IAEA General Conference

Promoting universal adherence to key multilateral treaties  
adopted under IAEA auspices

The IAEA Treaty Event provides a unique opportunity for Member States of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession directly with the IAEA Director General and in the presence of other Member States, during the margins of the annual IAEA General Conference.

*“The annual Treaty Event is a vivid example of our expressed commitment to multilateralism. In the world of nuclear activities, we need certainty. Ambiguity is not a good idea when it comes to nuclear materials, when it comes to nuclear reactors and when it comes to nuclear relations. Especially when this concept seems to be under so much strain, we have to commit ourselves to the legal norms that provide for universalization,”*

Rafael Mariano Grossi, IAEA Director General



IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi receives South Africa's instrument of acceptance of the AFRA Agreement from HE Mr Rapulane Molekane, Resident Representative of South Africa to the IAEA, at the Treaty Event during the 68th IAEA General Conference. (Photo: D. Calma/IAEA)



HE Mr UNG Eang, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Cambodia, deposits an instrument of accession to the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency at the 2022 Treaty Event on the margins of the 66th IAEA General Conference. (Photo: D. Calma/IAEA)

The IAEA Treaty Event aims at promoting universal adherence to the most important multilateral treaties for which the IAEA Director General is depositary.

Treaties established under the auspices of the IAEA are international agreements negotiated and concluded by IAEA Member States, with the support of the Agency's Secretariat.

Information on the next IAEA Treaty Event is circulated via Note Verbale to all Member States in May of each year.

The following treaties are typically featured at the IAEA Treaty Event:

- Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident
- Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency
- Convention on Nuclear Safety
- Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management
- Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material
- Protocol to Amend the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage
- Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage
- Joint Protocol Relating to the Application of the Vienna Convention and the Paris Convention
- Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The treaty actions at the IAEA Treaty Event are published on [iaea.org](https://www.iaea.org) and via a DG tweet:



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