

# Session II: The Policy Framework

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International Atomic Energy Agency

# Outline of Presentation

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- IAEA and the United Nations
- The Policy Reference for TC
- Key Principles for the TC Programme

# IAEA and the United Nations

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- IAEA conceived as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization in 1957.
- IAEA's relationship with the UN is regulated by a special agreement, INFCIRC/11 (30 October 1959).
  - ✓ Submit reports covering its activities to the General Assembly at each regular session;
  - ✓ Submit reports, when appropriate, to the Security Council and notify the Council whenever, in connection with the activities of the Agency, questions within the competence of the Council arise;
  - ✓ Submit reports to the Economic and Social Council and to other organs of the United Nations on matters within their respective competences.

# Policy Reference

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The Statute

INFCIRC/267

Revised Supplementary Agreement

IAEA Medium Term Strategy

Decisions of Governing Bodies

# The Statute

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## Article II: Objectives

The Agency shall seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy for peace, health and prosperity throughout the world. It shall ensure, so far as it is able, that assistance provided by it or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose.

# The Statute

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## Article III: Functions

To encourage and assist research on, and development and practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful uses throughout the world; and, if requested to do so, to act as an intermediary for the purposes of securing the performance of services or the supplying of materials, equipment, or facilities by one member of the Agency for another; and to perform any operation or service useful in research on, or development or practical application of, atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

## The Guiding Principles and General Operating Rules to Govern the Provision of Technical Assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency

March 1979

### I. Guiding Principles

- Eligibility of states to receive technical assistance
- Sources of technical assistance
- Agreements for the provision of technical assistance
- Forms of technical assistance
- Scope of application of the Guiding Principles

### II. General Operating Rules



The **primary objective** of technical assistance is to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity in Member States by **facilitating**:

- their free access to the peaceful uses of atomic energy
- the transfer of nuclear technology
- the development of research
- the application and utilization of atomic energy for peaceful purposes in Member States
- the promotion of cooperation between them for that purpose



# Revised Supplementary Agreement

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## Revised Supplementary Agreement Concerning the Provision of Technical Assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Government of [Member State]

- The RSA is an arrangement for delivering cooperation to Member States. It describes the responsibility of the Government and the Agency.
- Standard Basic Assistance Agreement: For technical assistance provided to the Government, the Government & the Agency apply the provisions of UNDP Standard Basic Assistance Agreement

# Revised Supplementary Agreement

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## Key Articles

- Safety Standard Measures
- Peaceful Use Undertaking and Safeguards
- Physical Protection
- Title and Equipment or Materials
- Settlement of Disputes

# Medium Term Strategy 2012-2017

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## Six strategic objectives

- Facilitating access to nuclear power
- Strengthening promotion of nuclear science, technology and applications
- Improving nuclear safety and security
- Providing effective technical cooperation
- Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the Agency's safeguards and other verification activities
- Providing effective, innovative management and strategic planning.

# Decisions of Governing Bodies

- Board of Governors Decisions
- General Conference Decisions & Resolutions  
e.g. GC(59)/RES/11 - Strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities



# Key principles for the TC programme

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- Contributes to development goals
- Responding to Member States' needs
- Peaceful use undertaking
- Safety and security
- Member State ownership and shared responsibility
- Non-discrimination
- Cooperation among Member States and with partners
- Transparency



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