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Report of the Director-General

Fifth Supplementary Report: Designation of the Employer and Worker representatives in the development and implementation of international safety standards on occupational radiation protection

Purpose of the document

To designate Employer and Worker representatives in the work of the Office at the Radiation Safety Standards Committee (RASSC) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) during its term 2018–20.

Relevant strategic objective: Social dialogue and tripartism.

Main relevant outcome/cross-cutting policy driver: Outcome 7: Promoting safework and workplace compliance including in global supply chains.

Policy implications: None.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: None.

Follow-up action required: Depending on the decision of the Governing Body.

Author unit: Governance and Tripartism Department (GOVERNANCE).

Related documents: GB.298/PV; GB.313/PV.

1. The experts appointed by the Employers' and Workers' groups of the Governing Body¹ alongside the Office participated in the revision of the *Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards* (BSS),² which was authorized to be published as a joint publication by the Governing Body of the ILO.³ The Revised BSS is used as a key reference by the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR) in its examination of the application of the Radiation Protection Convention, 1960 (No. 115).⁴
2. The Radiation Safety Standards Committee (RASSC) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is a standing body of senior representatives of member States in the area of radiation safety that makes recommendations on the IAEA's programme for the development, review and revision of radiation safety standards. The standards support the use and application of the BSS and other IAEA safety publications. The Office has been represented at the RASSC over the years with the technical support of Employer and Worker representatives appointed by the Employers' and Workers' groups of the Governing Body.
3. The term of the Employer and Worker representatives nominated by the Governing Body at its 298th Session (March 2007) has expired as it only mandated them to participate in the meetings of the technical committee to revise the BSS and not the technical committee to revise and develop the supporting safety standards for the use and application of the BSS. The IAEA invites the ILO to designate experts to continue the ILO's representation in the RASSC for the new term 2018–20. The participation of Employer and Worker representatives alongside the Office expert provides a unique opportunity for the employers' and workers' organizations to be systematically involved in the development of international standards on radiation and nuclear safety under the IAEA.
4. At the 298th Session (March 2007) of the Governing Body, the Employers' and Workers' groups appointed the following experts:

Employers	Mr David Owen ⁵ (expert) and Mr Mike Gaunt (substitute)
Workers	Mr Tasos Zodiates and the substitute would be appointed at a later date
5. Following the consultations that were held with both groups, the Governing Body may wish to renew the nominations of Mr Mike Gaunt and Mr Tasos Zodiates to represent the Employers and Workers respectively for the work of the Office at the RASSC during its term 2018–20.

Draft decision

6. ***The Governing Body renewed the nominations of Mr Mike Gaunt and Mr Tasos Zodiates to represent the Employers and Workers respectively for the work of the Office at the Radiation Safety Standards Committee during its 2018–20 term.***

¹ [GB.298/PV](#), para. 276.

² https://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Publications/PDF/Pub1578_web-57265295.pdf.

³ [GB.313/PV](#), para. 367(a).

⁴ [General Observation \(CEACR\)](#) – adopted 2015, published 105th ILC Session (2016). Convention No. 115.

⁵ Mr David Owen now works for the Government of the United Kingdom.