Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) Briefing to USNRC Commissioners

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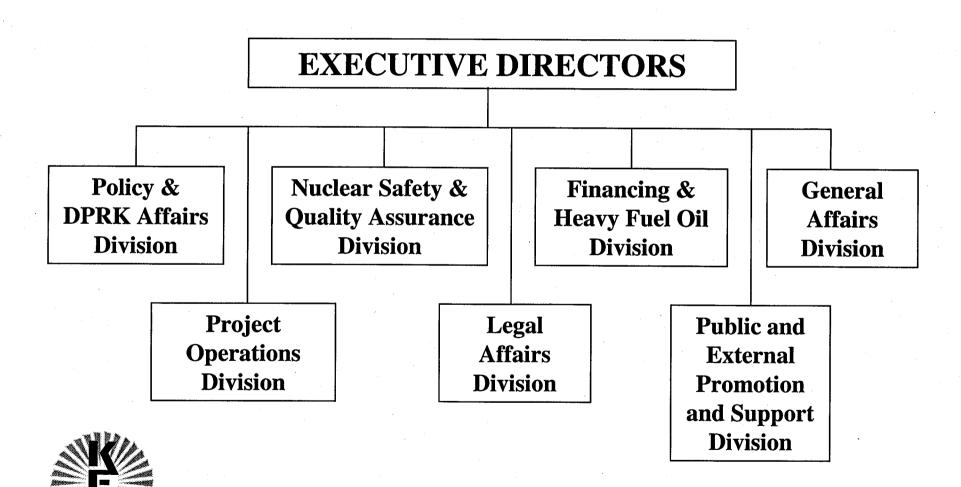


AGREED FRAMEWORK

- KEDO is responsible to finance and construct in the DPRK two LWRs of U.S.-origin design
- KEDO is responsible for providing the DPRK with 500,000 metric tons of heavy fuel oil annually until completion of the first unit
- The DPRK will freeze its graphite reactors and related facilities



ORGANIZATION OF KEDO



KEDO MEMBERS

- The Executive Board Members of KEDO:
 - European Atomic Energy Community, Japan,
 Republic of Korea, and the United States
- KEDO Member Governments:
 - Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Finland, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Poland



PROVISION OF NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS

- KEDO will provide two 1000 MWe PWRs on a turnkey basis.
- The reactor model will be the advanced version of U.S.-origin design and technology currently in production.
- The LWR project shall conform to a set of codes and standards equivalent to those of the IAEA and the U.S.



OBLIGATIONS OF THE TWO PARTIES

• KEDO:

 responsible for assuring that design, manufacture, construction, testing and commissioning of the LWR plants are in compliance with nuclear safety and regulatory codes and standards.

• DPRK:

 issue the construction, commissioning and operating permits to KEDO.



SAFETY REVIEWS AFTER PLANT COMPLETION

- Both parties shall conduct safety reviews to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the LWR plants.
- The DPRK owner/operator shall be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the LWR plants, appropriate physical protection, environmental protection and safe storage and disposal of radioactive waste, including spent fuel.



KEDO's NUCLEAR SAFETY POLICY

- Conduct all LWR project activities in such manner that nuclear safety is accorded the highest priority
- Adopt fundamental nuclear safety principles and licensing practices and utilize internationally formulated guidelines
- Recognize the importance of openness and transparency in the conduct of nuclear safety
- Prime responsibility for the safety of a nuclear installation rests with the holder of the operating license



ACTIVITIES IN THE WORKING PLAN

- Orientation Program for DPRK Regulatory Staff
- Meetings between the SNSRC and regulatory authorities of KEDO members
- Provision of codes and standards to the SNSRC
- Assistance to the SNSRC to obtain computer programs for audit calculations



KEDO's REQUEST FOR COOPERATION WITH THE NRC

- Host a visit of the SNSRC to transfer regulatory information and safety culture
- Provide the DPRK with computer programs for audit calculations
- Participate in the safety reviews of the Nuclear Safety Confirmation System

