

Industrial Mission on NPT International Safeguards

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JAPAN ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM, INC.

1. Purposes of the Mission

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons came into effect on March 5 of this year with 43 nations' ratification obtained. The Japanese Government, pending its ratification of this Treaty, signed it on February 3 taking the current international situations into consideration. In signing this, the Japanese Government issued a statement that, while it did sign, in favor of the spirit underlying this Treaty, it would endeavour to reach an agreement with IAEA on the rational and acceptable system of the safeguards before its ratification, and for that system not to hamper the peaceful nuclear activities in Japan.

Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. some three and half years ago had set up Ad-Hoc Committee on the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which discussed if the stipulations of the Non-Proliferation Treaty might fix the much disadvantageous position of the nuclear industry in Japan as compared with other countries over the period as long as 25 years. And it has several times submitted views on it to the Japanese Government.

Nevertheless, a concern has been felt over whether the cause of our apprehensions for the international safeguards system has been completely removed at this stage. It is also noted that, with the coming into force of the Treaty, the IAEA is now drawing up the draft agreement on the safeguards which the Agency is required to conclude with each of the States Parties.

With these current circumstances in view, the JAIF sends "Industrial Mission on NPT International Safeguards" to the European countries and the U.S. in order to better communicate the position on that matter of the Japanese nuclear industry to those countries as well as to make study on their attitudes toward the safeguards system and how the safeguards inspection has been implemented.

2. Period for the study tour

April 11 through April 27

3. Organizations to be visited

International Atomic Energy Agency (Austria)
A. B. Atomenergi (Sweden)
Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (Sweden)
Safeguards Division, Euratom (Luxembourg)
Foratom (France)
Bundesministerium für Bildung und Wissenschaft (Germany)
Kernforschungszentrum Karlsruhe (Germany)
Deutsch Atomforum (Germany)
Atomic Industrial Forum (U. S. A.)
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (U. S. A.)
Japanese Embassies in the countries to be visited

4. Subject Items

- a) To elucidate the understanding of the Japanese nuclear industry on the IAEA safeguards system under NPT to the relative authorities in the European countries and the U.S. and to exchange opinions on that matter with them.
- b) To study the status of development on the simplification and the rationalization of the safeguards technology.
- c) To exchange opinions about the system of the safeguards with the representatives of relating international organizations

5. Member of the Mission

Representatives from the Japanese nuclear industries as per the attached list