"Revision of the International Basic Safety Standards (BSS 115) Status Report" Mr. Pascal Deboodt (IAEA)

Although BSS is widely used by many countries and its contents need to be stabilized, it began to be revised in 2007 in response to a new recommendation from ICRP. The past progress of work is as follows:

May 2007: Initial Topical Draft Meeting

July 16–20, 2007: Technical Meeting at Vienna (TM)

October 2007: RASSC/WASSC Meeting November 26–30, 2007: Draft Meeting March and April, 2008: Draft Meeting

May 13-16, 2008: Draft Review

June 2008: Draft 1.0

There have been a total of 1,200 comments about Draft 1.0 since June 2008. This draft will be discussed at the RASSC Meeting, which is being held this week in Vienna. Items requiring discussion in future include the concept of dose constraint, radon, exemption and clearance, and terms and definitions. The final judgment about radon has not been presented; a proposal will be given soon.

Specific changes have been made to paragraphs 3.77, 3.98, 3.101, and 3.104. Paragraph 3.104, in particular, pertains to the lowest age of an occupationally-exposed person; lower than 16 years of age is unacceptable.

The IAEA Workshop for the revision of the BSS is scheduled to be held in January 2009.

