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# **INPRO activities on Proliferation Resistance**

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  - Process and focus for revision of the manual
  - Improve clarity of term “Proliferation Resistance” (PR)

# Overview of the 6 INPRO Areas of Assessment + Physical Protection



Areas and main messages in INPRO methodology edition 2008 (TECDOC-1575):

- 1) **Economics:** competitiveness against alternatives available (in the country)
- 2) **WM:** managing waste so that humans and environment are protected and undue burdens on future generations are avoided
- 3) **Infrastructure:** adequate infrastructure and effort to create / maintain it
- 4) **PR:** unattractiveness for a nuclear weapon program by combination of intrinsic features and extrinsic measures
- 5) **Environment:** impact of stressors must stay within performance envelope of current NES. Resources sufficient to run NES until end of 21 century
- 6) **Safety:** superiority against safety of existing plants. Large off-site releases should be prevented so that there is no need for evacuation

\* **Physical Protection:** *effective nuclear security regime*

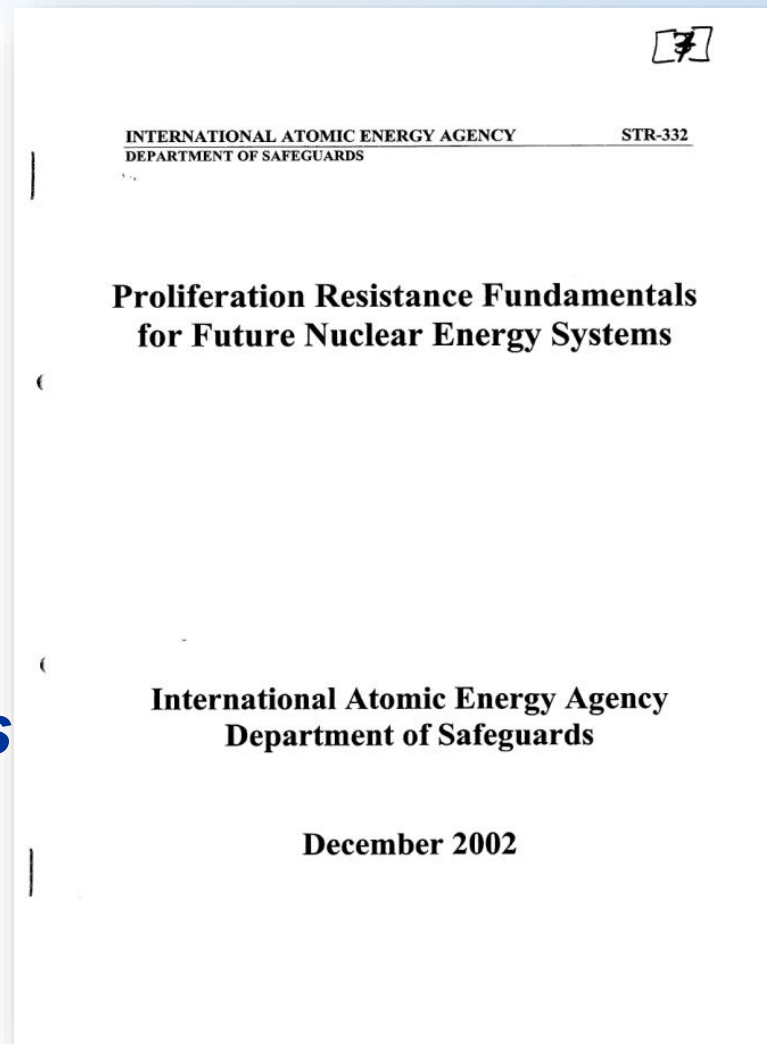
# Formulation of the Basic Definition of Proliferation Resistance (PR)

***Characteristic  
of a nuclear system  
that impedes diversion or  
undeclared production of  
nuclear material, or misuse of  
technology, by States in order  
to acquire nuclear weapons or  
other nuclear explosive devices***

Derived at Meeting in Como, Italy

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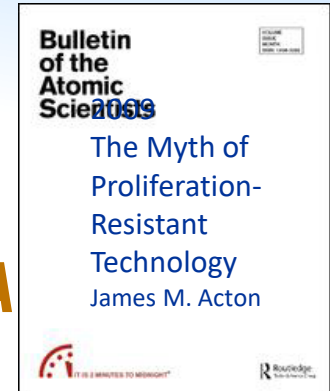
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# Opinions on PR and INPRO



➤ *Research into new reactor technologies, including fast reactors, is being coordinated within two multilateral frameworks, the U.S.-led **GIF** and the **IAEA** led **INPRO***



➤ *Ideally, the **IAEA** would take the lead in this process and, indeed, it has been developing a methodology for assessing proliferation resistance within **INPRO**.*

➤ *Given that the **IAEA** never criticizes states' fuel cycle choices, however, it's not clear whether it's capable of leading this effort effectively.*

# INPRO Proliferation Resistance Manual 2008: INPRO PR Basic Principles



**PR intrinsic features** and **extrinsic measures** shall be implemented throughout the full life cycle for NESs to help ensure that NESs will continue to be an **unattractive means to acquire fissile material for a nuclear weapons program**

- 1) **Both intrinsic features / extrinsic measures are essential**
- 2) **Neither shall be considered sufficient by itself**

- 1) The **States' commitments**, obligations and policies regarding non-proliferation and its implementation should be adequate to fulfil international standards in the non-proliferation regime.
- 2) The **attractiveness of nuclear material and nuclear technology** in a NES for a nuclear weapons program should be low. This includes the attractiveness of undeclared nuclear material that could credibly be produced or processed in the NES.
- 3) The **diversion** of nuclear material (NM) should be reasonably **difficult and detectable**. Diversion includes the use of an innovative nuclear energy system (INS) facility for the production or processing of undeclared material.
- 4) Innovative nuclear energy systems should incorporate multiple **PR features and measures**.
- 5) The combination of intrinsic features and extrinsic measures, compatible with other design considerations, should be **optimized** (in the design/engineering phase) to provide cost-efficient proliferation resistance.

# INPRO collaboration with GIF Proliferation Resistance & Physical Protection WG



- Harmonize characteristics of PR features and formulate measures and metrics for comparing the robustness of nuclear systems *against* proliferation
- Potential linkage between **Sustainability** and **PR**
  - **Sustainability of nuclear fuel resources impact choice**
    - Nuclear Fuel Material*
    - Fuel Cycle Depending on the Optimal Fuel Option*
    - Used Fuel Management*
    - Optimal + Available Fuel Supply Chain*



# Conclusion

- **INPRO methodology in all assessment areas uses assessment method separated from the analysis of PR**
- **Two parallel activities currently ongoing in INPRO**
  - **PROSA** collaborative project (final report compilation and editing) – development / improvement / enhancement of INPRO PR analysis method – *Report in final stages in Printing Process*
  - Revision of the **INPRO Methodology Proliferation Resistance Manual** – INPRO PR assessment method development (links to analytical methods and concept of sustainable development) with the goals:
    - Make the assessment methodology simpler and easier to use
    - Allow for different users and depths of analysis as part of assessment
    - Demonstrate value of the refined assessment methodology to the users
- **The CM to revise the INPRO PR manual – Commenced 4Q 2020**
  - Contribution from global selection of subject area experts
  - Broader audience / expertise *gained* with the invited consultancy experts
  - Consensus on structure of PR Manual and utility of URs a main goal



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