

RESOLUTION ON NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

HAVING MET in Vienna on 4 November 2003,

BASED ON OUR DISCUSSION on nuclear risk and public control,

ACKNOWLEDGING that we have to address how to inform future generations about the dangerous waste stored,

RECOGNISING that we have to address whether it is acceptable to store nuclear waste without the possibility to intervene when the integrity of the disposal system is compromised,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED organisations agree on the following:

REGARDING THE PROCESS OF AGREEING ON A WASTE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT AND SITING OF REPOSITORIES FOR HIGH-LEVEL WASTE AND SPENT FUEL:

WE DEMAND the phase out of nuclear power as a precondition to initiate the process of searching for the least harmful solution to the people and the environment ¹

WE ARE OPPOSED to the export of nuclear waste to other countries.

WE ARE OPPOSED to the reprocessing, partitioning and transmutation of waste before final disposal. These technologies do not reduce the waste volumes, but instead make the problem worse because they produce more and different types of waste and increase the risk of proliferation of fissile materials for nuclear weapons purposes.

WE DEMAND A SIGNIFICANT ROLE OF THE PUBLIC IN DECISION MAKING:

WE DEMAND equal opportunities for public and NGOs to engage and fund experts for the process as well as public relation expenses.

WE DEMAND that the decision regarding a site has to be taken together with the people living in the vicinity. Further, approval of the majority of the local population has to be a binding prerequisite for siting a waste disposal system in any area.

WE NOTE that a significant role of the public can be achieved only by full access to information.

WE DEMAND that the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (SEA) has to be implemented as national law in EU countries in 2005 and also used for nuclear waste disposal concepts and programmes. Delays in the implementation for new member states are not acceptable.

WE DEMAND an amendment to the Joint Convention on the Safety on Spent Fuel Management and the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management that incorporates above articulated demands.

Za Matku Zem (For Mother Earth Slovakia)

Nuclear Information and Resource Service (USA)

Mama Terra (For Mother Earth-Romania)

Hnutí Duha (Friends of the Earth Czech Republik)

Green Circle Pécs (Hungary)

Energia Klub (Energy Club, Hungary)

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¹ the phase out is also necessary to make reliable calculations of the amount of waste which has to be disposed of