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FORATOM welcomes adoption of new Nuclear Safety Directive

At today's Environment Council in Luxembourg the European Council adopted a Directive establishing of a new Community framework for nuclear safety based on the principle of the further harmonisation of safety standards at nuclear installations across the EU.

This new legislation adopted today will further emphasise how the safety of workers and the general public, as well as the protection of the environment, remain of paramount importance. FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, has consistently voiced its support for a new Nuclear Safety Directive. FORATOM's Director General, Santiago San Antonio, reiterated the nuclear industry's belief that an EU-wide nuclear safety framework is essential to ensure the further harmonisation of safety standards at all of Europe's nuclear facilities: "Safety has always been, and will always remain, our industry's primary consideration. We welcome the adoption of the Directive, which is a significant step forward in the development of nuclear energy in Europe."

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