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Basic Policy on the Reform of an Organization in charge of Nuclear Safety Regulation (Cabinet Decision)

The Government will take forward the reform of an organization in charge of nuclear safety regulation in line with the following principles in order to win back public confidence on the government work on nuclear safety and to strengthen its functions.

1. Policy on the Immediate Review on an Organization in charge of Nuclear Safety Regulation

- (1) “Nuclear Safety and Security Agency (NSSA) (tentative)” will be created as an Affiliated Organization (Gaikyoku) of the Ministry of Environment in view of “the separation of nuclear regulation and promotion”, separating the nuclear safety regulation section of the Nuclear and Industry Safety Agency (NISA) from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and integrating the function of the Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC).
- (2) Aiming to further strengthen its functions as a regulatory organization by unifying works related to nuclear safety regulation, the NSSA will also be in charge of safety regulation on the use of reactors and nuclear fuel materials, nuclear security and leading function in environmental monitoring (including the operation of the SPEEDI).
- (3) Crisis management including emergency responses is one of the primary roles of the NSSA, and necessary arrangements will be made for this purpose.
- (4) In order to steadily implement operations of the new organization, the government will make every effort to secure competent human resources both from the public and private sectors.
- (5) In parallel with the organizational review, the government will also conduct a review on the contents of nuclear regulations and their related systems,

including the introduction of a new regulatory framework in view of the accident this time.

- (6) The Cabinet Secretariat will carry out preparation work including drafting necessary bills, aiming to create the NSSA in April 2012.
- (7) When the relevant outcome from the Investigation Committee on the Accident at the TEPCO's Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations is presented during the course of the review, the government will respond to it in a flexible manner.

2. Further Review on an Nuclear Safety Regulatory Organization, taking into consideration the Future Review on Nuclear and Energy Policy and the Investigation on the Accident

It is expected that the result of a review on mid/long-term nuclear and energy policy as well as investigation by the Investigation Committee on the Accident at the TEPCO's Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations will be presented in due course. The government will forward a wider study on areas including a review on important challenges such as mid/long-term work toward the restoration from the accident, as well as securing and training human resources in the area of safety regulation. The government will then present the result of its review by around the end of 2012 on areas covered by the new organization and on the way to upgrade a more effective and robust organization.

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