

Declaration of Intent
concerning
Enhancing Collaboration in Civil Nuclear Decommissioning
and Waste Management
between
the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and
the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition of the French Republic

Recognising the annex to the Joint Statement by the Prime Minister of the UK and the President of the French Republic adopted 3 March 2016 on a Comprehensive British-French Partnership on Civil Nuclear Energy, and the annex to the UK-France Summit Communiqué adopted 18 January 2018 on Conclusions from the UK-France Civil Nuclear Energy Seminar, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition of the French Republic intend to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of civil nuclear decommissioning. In doing so, they reaffirm to each other their desire to increase commercial and research collaboration, and to develop their strategic partnership on specific areas of civil nuclear decommissioning, which both signatories recognise as of important mutual benefit.

The UK and France both acknowledge that the current civil nuclear decommissioning landscape in both countries is complex and many challenges are being faced, with more to come in the future. Therefore, both signatories wish to promote collaboration in this field, with particular focus on: land remediation and waste management (including targeting joint commercial opportunities in third country markets); and the decommissioning of the first generation of gas-cooled reactors.

Both signatories encourage collaborations on the above mentioned topics between the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and EDF SA and New Areva, as well as other respective organisations and entities, with the aim of achieving mutually beneficial outcomes.

More specifically, given the technological issues relating to dismantling of first-generation gas-cooled reactors, the sharing of developments and industrial demonstrations is of common interest, and both signatories request that the NDA and EDF SA establish a road map with a view to meeting this goal within three months of the signing of this declaration.

Both signatories also encourage the NDA and New Areva to explore the possibility of cooperation in the areas of developing advanced technologies for the dismantling of nuclear facilities, management of legacy waste and final estate definition, as well as know-how and expertise sharing, and request that the NDA and New Areva establish a roadmap covering these topics within three months of the signing of this declaration.

This declaration has been signed in London on 18 January 2018 in duplicate, in the English and French languages.

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