# Nonproliferation - Multilateralization, Fuel Supply-Reprocessing-Reactor Countries

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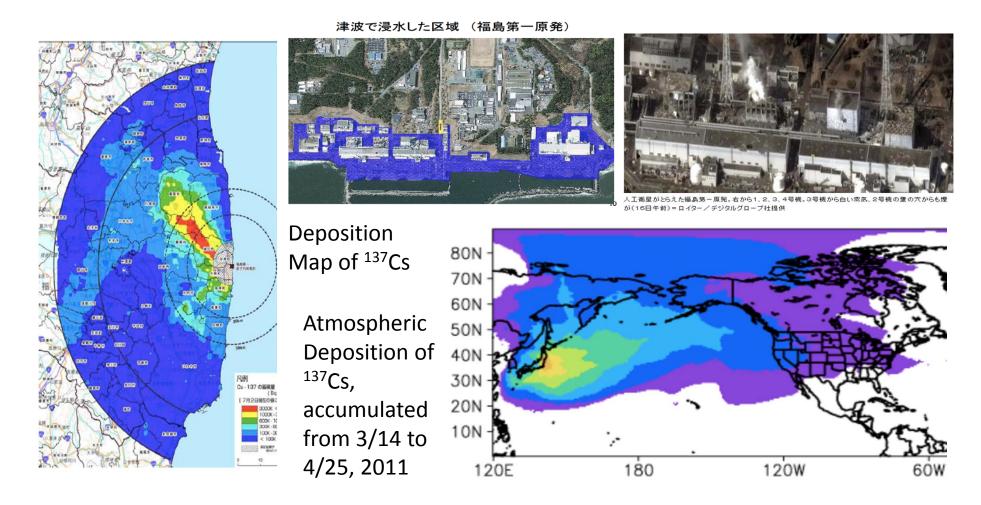
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#### The Nuclear Disaster at Fukushima



## Reminded us again that

the effects of nuclear accidents respect no border

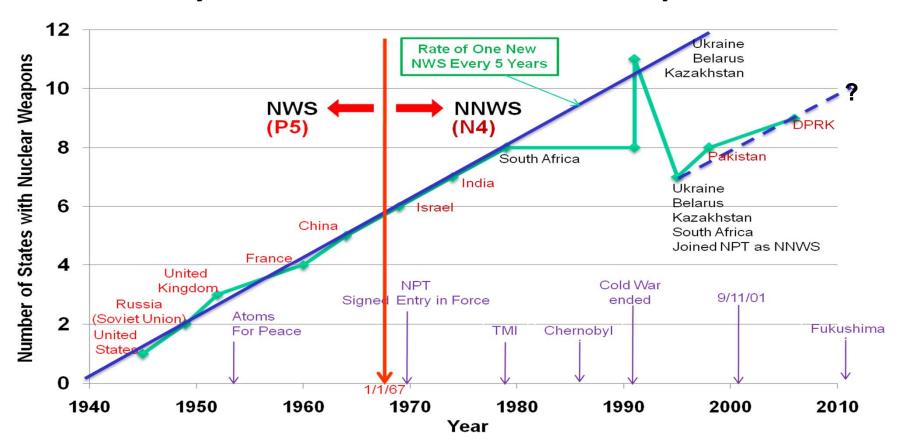
# The unthinkable prospect that terrorists could acquire and use nuclear or radiological materials or sabotage a nuclear facility for malicious intent





Raises the concern that nuclear security should not be entirely nationally focused and voluntary

# The slightest possibility that a NPT signatory country could become a nuclear weapons state



not only cause regional/global instability, but also

undermine the technological foundation of nuclear energy

# 3S and Multi-National Approaches (MNA)

- A country's right to control its nuclear materials and infrastructure must be balanced with protecting the international community from nuclear crisis,
- The safety, security, and safeguards (3S) of nuclear materials and facilities have significant transnational implications,

---- cited from K. Luongo, JAEA Forum, Dec. 2011.

• "...To adequately safeguard the international community, we must have strong international consensus and action".

---- cited from UN Secretary General, Sept. 2011.

There is a need for a new strategic paradigm, e.g., a multinational approach for a global nuclear governance based on 3S (Safety, Security, and Safeguards) in the applications of nuclear energy

### MNA on Nuclear Fuel Cycle (NFC)

#### **Issues:**

#### Technology

- Dual use
- Proliferation

#### Front-end

- Reliable supply
- Monopoly

#### Back-end

- Used fuel storage
- Waste disposal

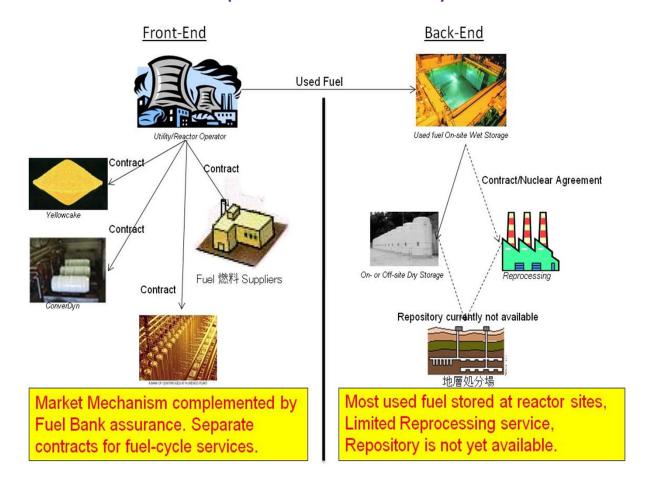
#### Security

- Facility protection
- Transportation

#### Institutional

- Small program
- NIMBY/NIMTO

#### Current business practice for fuel-cycle services

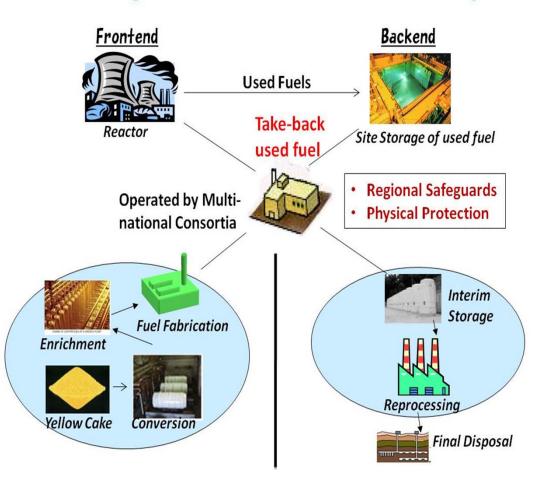


Can MNA help in resolving these issues?

### MNA for completing the NFC

- Even not a "grave"
   interim storage is
   needed as a "funeral
   home" for used fuel.
- Can multi-national consortia facilitate take-back/away of used fuel?
- Can MNA provide a better 3S assurance for enrichment or reprocessing facility?
- Can MNA facilitate
  R&D for final waste
  disposal (grave)?

#### Package Deals for Future Nuclear Fuel Cycle



Can multi-national consortia provide packaged NFC deal?