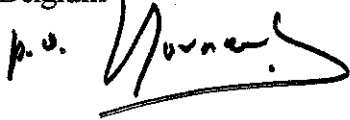


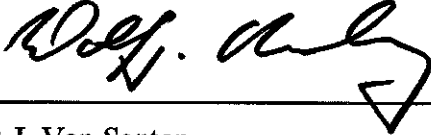

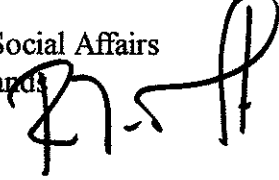





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**CREATION OF THE
WESTERN EUROPEAN NUCLEAR REGULATORS
ASSOCIATION (WENRA)**

1. We, the Heads of Nuclear Regulatory Authorities of Western European countries with nuclear power plants :
 - recognizing the need for increased co-operation between us, and
 - stressing the importance of the independent professional standing of the Regulatory Authorities,
 - have decided to create the Western European Nuclear Regulators Association (WENRA)
2. The Association has the following objectives :
 - i. to develop a common approach to nuclear safety and regulation, in particular within the European Union,
 - ii. to provide European Union with an independent capability to examine nuclear safety and regulation in applicant countries,
 - iii. to evaluate and achieve a common approach to nuclear safety and regulatory issues which arise.
3. The Association will keep the European Union Institutions and Member States informed of its activities.
4. The Association is prepared to consider requests from these Institutions and Member States for advice on nuclear safety and regulatory matters.

5. The Association will ensure appropriate opportunities for colleagues from other Member States of the European Union to participate in its work.
6. The Association will meet with other Regulatory Authorities to discuss specific issues when necessary.

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