

The role of Member States in providing insight into the substance of the CTBT: the linkage between ARN and the local community

Argentina is bound by the Treaty to host eight monitoring stations and one radionuclide laboratory. The Nuclear Regulatory Authority (ARN) is responsible of the radionuclide and infrasound stations, and the laboratory. At present, ARN is working on the installation of two remaining stations, and foresees to make them fully operational soon. Outreach activities are conducted in parallel with technical activities, aimed at gaining the acceptance from the local community and focusing on raising awareness of the obligations of the Treaty, and on the benefits of the civil and scientific applications of the Treaty. In this endeavor, ARN needs to interact with the local authorities, in order to obtain the necessary permits for the land use, and also with a wide range of stakeholders including local supplying companies, local residents, NGOs, general public, etc., so to engage them, as appropriate. This presentation is intended to show the liaison role of ARN between the CTBTO and the local community, facilitating mutual understanding and agreement.

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