

Member State Views on an IAEA Role in Verifying Nuclear Disarmament: Survey Results Table

VERTIC has conducted a survey of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) member states to provide a more detailed and standardised assessment of views on an agency role in disarmament verification. The survey examines views on the steps the agency should take to equip itself for this role, and the types of support member states are prepared to give towards this end. The responses of this survey and their statistical extrapolations are presented here. The results of this survey are discussed in a research report available on www.vertic.org.

The results below reflect only the responses received. Possible answers that received no support are not shown here. The extrapolations given here were calculated to a 95% confidence level, and relate only to non-nuclear-armed member states of the IAEA.

Question 1:

Does your country consider that the IAEA should have an active role in verifying future cases of nuclear disarmament?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Portion	+/-	Extrapolation
Yes	13	87%	16%	>71%
Under consideration	2	13%	16%	<29%

Question 2:

Which of the following disarmament steps do you consider that the IAEA should be involved in verifying?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
The application of safeguards in a disarmed state	14	93%	12%	>81%
Decommissioning enrichment and reprocessing facilities	13	87%	16%	>71%
Decommissioning or converting warhead delivery systems	8	53%	24%	29-77%
Dismantlement of nuclear weapons and the disposition of sensitive weapons-grade nuclear material	13	87%	16%	>71%
Disposition of non-sensitive weapons-grade nuclear material	14	93%	12%	>81%
Cessation of nuclear weaponisation research and development and associated capabilities	13	87%	16%	>71%

Question 3:

Does your country consider that the IAEA should maintain, for the purpose of any verification missions addressing the dismantlement of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon programmes:

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
a) A dedicated in-house capacity ready to engage in missions of this kind?				
Yes	7	47%	24%	23-71%
No	1	7%	12%	<19%
Not yet considered	2	13%	16%	<29%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%
b) A roster of external experts for the same purpose?				
Yes	9	60%	24%	36-84%
No	1	7%	12%	<19%
Not yet considered	1	7%	12%	<19%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%
c) A combination of both?				
Yes	8	53%	24%	29-77%
No	2	13%	16%	<29%
Not yet considered	2	13%	16%	<29%
Under consideration	2	13%	16%	<29%

Question 4:

If the IAEA is involved in verifying the dismantlement of nuclear warheads and weapons programmes, should:

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
a) Only IAEA personnel from nuclear-weapon states with appropriate weapons clearance?				
Yes	1	7%	12%	<19%
No	12	80%	19%	61-99%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%
b) Other IAEA personnel from non-nuclear-weapon states, assuming proliferation sensitive information is protected?				
Yes	13	87%	16%	>71%
Not yet considered	2	13%	16%	<29%

Question 5:

Would your country like to participate in capacity building, development and training activities on nuclear disarmament verification issues including technology, technical activities and procedures, policy and law?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Portion	+/-	Extrapolation
Yes	13	87%	16%	>71%
Not yet considered	1	7%	12%	<19%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%

Question 6:

Does your country consider investigations into the potential roles and activities of the IAEA in disarmament verification to be important?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Portion	+/-	Extrapolation
Yes	15	100%	N/A	N/A

Question 7:

Does your country consider it important to be involved in discussions on the IAEA's role in disarmament verification?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Portion	+/-	Extrapolation
Yes	15	100%	N/A	N/A

Question 9:

Would your country like to see one or more of the following steps addressing the potential role of the IAEA in disarmament verification:

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
IAEA Director-General Report?	10	67%	23%	44-90%
Agenda item for the IAEA General Conference?	5	33%	23%	10-56%
Agenda item for the IAEA Board of Governors	5	33%	23%	10-56%
Referenced in the annual resolution on safeguards?	7	47%	24%	23-71%
Dedicated resolution to be debated at an IAEA General Conference?	6	40%	24%	16-64%
IAEA 'long-term plan' specifying roles, capacity-building and resource requirements for nuclear disarmament verification?	12	80%	19%	61-99%

Question 10:

Would your country be prepared in the future to contribute either of both of the following to boost the IAEA's capacity to engage with nuclear disarmament verification?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
a) Funding				
Yes	3	20%	19%	1-39%
No	1	7%	12%	<19%
Not yet considered	8	53%	24%	29-77%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%
No view	1	7%	12%	<19%
b) Expertise				
Yes	8	53%	24%	29-77%
Not yet considered	6	40%	24%	16-64%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%

Question 11:

Does your country consider that a new international body dedicated to verifying nuclear disarmament should be established, outside the IAEA?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
No	10	67%	23%	44-90%
Not yet considered	2	13%	16%	<29%
Under consideration	2	13%	16%	<29%
No view	1	7%	12%	<19%

Question 12:

Does your country consider that nuclear disarmament verification should have no involvement by intergovernmental organisations whatsoever?

	Respondents		IAEA Membership	
	Responses	Percentage	+/-	Extrapolation
No	13	87%	16%	>71%
Not yet considered	1	7%	12%	<19%
Under consideration	1	7%	12%	<19%