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## U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration holds workshop in Nay Pyi Taw on International Safeguards and the Additional Protocol

The United States Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) and the Ministry of Science and Technology's Department of Atomic Energy (MOST/DAE) held a joint workshop on International Safeguards and the Additional Protocol in Nay Pyi Taw from January 9-11, 2013. The workshop was attended by 30 officials from MOST/DAE, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other Ministries, and also included participation from the U.S. Department of State and a representative from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The purpose of the workshop was to promote awareness of the international safeguards system, including elements and requirements for the implementation of the IAEA Additional Protocol and the modified Small Quantities Protocol, in support of President Thein Sein's statement of November 18, 2012 announcing his Government's intention to conclude an Additional Protocol with the IAEA and to implement the text of the modified Small Quantities Protocol.

DOE/NNSA and MOST/DAE also discussed additional opportunities for continued cooperation in the area of safeguards to support MOST/DAE in establishing the necessary infrastructure for implementing safeguards, including the Additional Protocol.

In remarks to the workshop, U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell highlighted the importance of participation in the workshop by various Government Ministries who will participate in the implementation of the Additional Protocol and encouraged participants to continue to seek ways to build relationships and to look for potential ways to expand their cooperation in support of the nuclear nonproliferation regime, as the overall bilateral relationship develops.

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