

The Commission defines ASN general policy regarding nuclear safety and radiation protection

Impartiality

The Commissioners perform their duties in complete impartiality and receive no instructions either from the Government or from any person or institution.

Independence

The Commissioners perform their duties on a full-time basis. Their mandate is for a six-year term which is not renewable.

The duties of a member can only be terminated if a majority of the Commissioners sitting on the Commission rule on his or her incapacity or accept his or her resignation. The President of the Republic may also terminate the duties of a member of the Commission in the event of a serious breach of his or her obligations.

Competence

The Commission takes resolutions and publishes opinions in ASN's Official Bulletin.

Appointed by the President of the Senate

of the National Assembly

It defines ASN external relations policy both nationally and internationally.

It defines ASN regulation and inspection policy. The Chairman appoints the nuclear safety inspectors, the radiation protection inspectors, the conventional safety inspectors for the nuclear power plants and the staff responsible for verifying compliance with the requirements applicable to pressure vessels.

The Commission opens inquiries following incidents or accidents. It drafts the Reports on nuclear safety and radiation protection in France. Its Chairman reports on ASN's activities to the relevant commissions of the National Assembly and the Senate as well as to the Parliamentary Office for the Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Choices.

It drafts ASN internal regulations and appoints its representatives to the High Committee for Transparency and Information on Nuclear Security.