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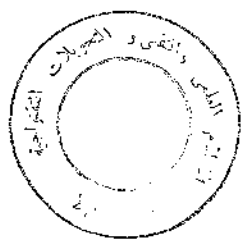

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FOREWORD

The INIS System, in partnership with some 60 countries and International Organizations, including all the major authorities on nuclear science, announces most of the world's significant literature dealing with every aspect of the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology.

INIS is scheduled to enter a further stage of its development in 1976. After three years of successful full-scope operations (1973–75) the system now starts recording on magnetic tape the abstracts of documents reported. Simultaneously, **INIS Atomindex** will become an international abstracting journal. As before, the achievement of as complete a literature coverage as possible within the corresponding geographical area, and the assignment to each document of the most suitable and precise subject description, should be considered a primary responsibility of each INIS inputting centre.

This fourth version of the INIS Subject Scope was prepared by a committee of technical experts nominated by seven Member States, which together account for more than 80% of the INIS input. The Committee met at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna on 14–25 April 1975. Its work was based on a preliminary draft prepared by the INIS Secretariat after having considered the various proposals for changes and improvements received from INIS inputters over the previous two years. All the decisions of the Committee were taken by consensus, which, with very few exceptions, was reached unanimously.

None of the main features of the previous revision (Rev.3) has been altered in this revision. The changes introduced are meant to improve and render more detailed the descriptions of the subject categories, i.e. to facilitate both the work of subject classifiers and the usage of subject categories in retrieval. In a few cases redistribution of topics between some categories was found desirable (C51–C52). One new category, **C55 Personnel Dosimetry and Monitoring**, has been created. All these modifications are marked with a vertical line in the left-hand margin of the text and can be easily located.

Identifications of errors, as well as suggestions for improvement to the present document, are welcome and should be addressed to

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