Even as the risk of intentional nuclear war appears to be rising, potential for a terrorist nuclear attack remains a major
global threat. The accumulation of large stockpiles of weapons-usable nuclear materials, and the associated imperative to
prevent their theft or diversion for malicious uses, animated international dialogue before the first Nuclear Security Summit
in 2010, and persists after the fourth and final Summit in 2016. The 2016 Summit set forth a vision for how to continue the
Summits’ important work, which is yet to be fully realized. Nuclear security demands some difficult and sometimes
expensive choices from governments, but it also requires the participation of civil society and the nuclear energy
industry. While current understandings of nuclear security developed after the deployment of most existing nuclear power
plants around the world, the development of a next generation of nuclear energy technologies offers an opportunity to
incorporate nuclear security into the design of these new facilities that could significantly improve the future of nuclear
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