

The Path towards Strengthened Safeguards: Experiences in Iraq, South Africa, and North Korea

This video series is a collection of dialogues centered on the immense role played by the IAEA, and in particular how the Agency supports nuclear nonproliferation through the practice of safeguards. This current update is a chronicle of events during the 1990s, Iraq, South Africa, and North Korea, that led to the development of the Additional Protocol.

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Laura: You know, it seems to me, as fallout from the Iraq situation, and South Africa and North Korea, you can see it here, how the seeds for the strengthened safeguards system were sown, we started with Environmental Sampling that was a technique used by a member state, and now we've developed our own indigenous capabilities; satellite imagery, we haven't yet purchased our own satellite, but we do have our own satellite imagery analysts, this whole issue of broader access, rights to information, the whole Programme 93+2¹ are whole children, or spawns of the experiences that we had.

¹ An IAEA safeguards development program started in 1993 and ending in 1995 that resulted in the development of the Model Additional Protocol. http://www.iaea.org/OurWork/SV/Safeguards/safeg_system.pdf