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Nuclear energy is a very important resource for the human race. But while it is instrumental in many fields, its use doesn't come without risks and is very dangerous. First and foremost, nuclear energy is developed from elements like uranium and plutonium, which are highly radioactive and toxic. Also, nuclear energy is used in development of WMDs or Weapons of Mass Destruction. So, it is very important to find ways to reduce the risks associated with them, so that they can be used for the betterment of the human race, while keeping it safe from its hazards at the same time.

Many different treaties have been signed by numerous countries of the world, to work towards the goal of reducing nuclear danger. These treaties are generally concerned with the regulation and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. These include treaties like Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which has a comprehensive set of prohibitions on participating in nuclear weapon related activities. These include undertakings not to develop, test, produce, acquire, possess, stockpile, use or threaten to use nuclear weapons. Another such treaty is the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The nation of Belize has actively supported the reduction, if not the prohibition of Nuclear weapons. It is a signatory of both the above treaties. The countries that possess nuclear weapons are eligible for the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards. For e.g. All civil nuclear facilities in the United States of America and the United Kingdom are subjected to IAEA safeguards; all imported nuclear power plants of China are under these safeguards; 14 civil power reactors in India are under the safeguards etc. These safeguards ensure the proper and ethical management of nuclear resources.

Belize appreciates that powerful countries are made to abide by the rules and not exploit their power.

Belize is a non-nuclear state, i.e, it doesn't possess any nuclear weapons. It believes that nuclear weapons will cause the collective downfall of every nation, and nuclear energy should be used for the betterment of the human race. It has enacted the Radiation and Security Act, which provides a safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technology. The resource should be used for helpful purposes like power generation, healthcare, food preservation, and space exploration (with the help of Radioisotope Power Systems) etc.

Belize expects the UN to adopt different policies concerning specific hazards of nuclear energy. It also expects solutions like strict regulating of uranium mining, urgent deployment of peacekeeping forces in places that are at a high risk of experiencing the effects of a weapon of mass destruction (nuclear weapons to be specific).

In conclusion, nuclear energy can be a boon for mankind if used ethically, otherwise, it will be a bane for us. Countries should cooperate with each other regarding the matter and keep the world safe.