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This paper will start by an historical overview on why and how the AP has been implemented in France from 2004 to 2014 and the context associated to its implementation, considering the previous obligations and the role played by Euratom.

Next, the technical organization put in place will be described by using a typical example and appropriate information about size of the declaration. The feedback concerning the challenges associated to the collection of information to ensure their correctness and completeness will be addressed, including the understanding of the AP by the industrials when contacted about their activities. Available means to respond to an Agency request for clarification or complementary access will be briefly described.

Considering the previous parts, the future of the French AP will be addressed: especially using the IT to improve the quality of the declaration by way of a new web portal. The feedback given by the Agency and evolution request will be detailed and the way France does its utmost to respond favourably.

At last, this paper will point out the interest of implementing safeguards such as AP in a nuclear weapon state in order to help the Agency on its mission : facilitate the detection of undeclared nuclear activities in a non-nuclear-weapon State and, to this end, allow complementary accesses on French territory.

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