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**Description**

This document provides a brief background of the history, mission, roles and responsibilities of the International Commission on Radiological Protection, as well as link to the ICRP’s website.

**Supporting Material**

The International Commission on Radiological Protection

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