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Mr. Luis Echávarri was appointed Director-General of the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 1997, a position he holds at the present time.

Mr. Echávarri, who is of Spanish nationality, was born in 1949 in Bilbao, Spain. Mr. Echávarri obtained Masters Degrees from the Superior Technical School of Industrial Engineering of Bilbao University and from the Faculty of Information Sciences of the Complutensis University of Madrid. He obtained a post-graduate degree in Management from the Industrial Organisation School of Madrid, and is a Fellow of the College of Industrial Engineers of Madrid.

Mr. Echávarri began his career as an engineer in Bilbao and in 1975 joined Westinghouse Electric in Madrid. He went on to become Project Manager of the Lemoniz, Sayago and Almaraz nuclear power plants, for Westinghouse, in Spain. In 1985, Mr. Echávarri became Technical Director of the Spanish Nuclear Safety Council (CSN). He was named Commissioner of the CSN in 1987, a position which requires the approval of the Spanish Parliament.

In July 1995, Mr. Echávarri became Director-General of the Spanish Nuclear Industry Forum, a post held until July 1997.

Mr. Echávarri represents the OECD/NEA at the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency (IEA) since 1997 and he became a member of the International Nuclear Safety Group (INSAG) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 2003. He is also a member of the International Nuclear Energy Academy (INEA).