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to the Commission**

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Subject: Security at Belgian nuclear power stations and terror threats

Matthew Bunn, the renowned American professor and researcher in the theft of radioactive material at Belfast Center, Harvard University, warned during Nuclear Security Summit week 2016 in the USA that ISIS may well be preparing a nuclear attack.

According to the New York Times, the El-Bakraoui brothers, who were behind two of the terrorist bombs in Brussels, were spying on a Belgian nuclear physicist and filming his movements.

A former security-cleared employee, who worked for three years at the Belgian nuclear reactor, Doel 4, was killed in Syria in 2014 after having joined ISIS.

Shortly after the terrorist attacks, an employee at Doel was killed and his security card was stolen. It is still not clear who was behind this or why.

All together, this indicates that Islamic State has an interest in Belgian nuclear power stations and radioactive material.

What are the Commission's views on these events?

In light of these events, does the Commission believe that there is a security threat in relation to Belgian nuclear power stations and the Islamistic interest in them?

Does the Commission intend to do something about this issue?