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**Independence, or Autonomy, and Transparency
in Ensuring Trustworthy Regulations**

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Trustworthy regulatory agencies must be independent and transparent concerning politics or the elected administration, other competing promotive ministries, and regulated parties. It is more relevant to nuclear regulation, with references to the International Atomic Energy Agency guidelines and lessons learned from the catastrophic Fukushima disaster. This paper proposes a new framework for assessing a nuclear regulatory body's autonomy and transparency. It works to avoid 'regulatory capture' while also ensuring regulatory accountability and responsibility by maintaining a certain 'distance' from other institutions, on the one hand, and making balanced decisions, paying attention to non-homogeneity and non-controlling relations between well-specialized members in the open collegiate body, on the other hand. Continued and appropriate regulatory implementation, enabled by such autonomy and transparency, will result in a good reputation and thus public trust. The framework is used to examine nuclear regulations in East Asia and in France and conclude that the composition of their agencies varies depending on the type of autonomy (e.g. political, organisational, or technological) that each country seeks.

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