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André-Claude LACOSTE - I think we are coming to the end of this final panel. I will not try to make any kind of global conclusion. I would just like to say three things.

The first thing I would like to do is reiterate the initial aims of the symposium : it was to bring together the people in charge of pressurised



vessels, and people in charge of pressurised vessel issues, within the nuclear safety authorities, within their technical support operations and within some utilities. We also wanted the participation of the IAEA and the NEA. The major issue concerning the

pressurised equipment was ageing management. I think we did it, that is the first achievement.

Second, I think there were quite good discussions. Obviously, uniformity is not a possible aim. I would go as far as to say uniformity is a silly aim or a meaningless aim. The only aim we can try to reach is understanding what we are doing. The aim is not for us to do the same thing, the aim is for us to know, if we do not do the same thing, why it is so. I think this is typically the result of the discussion with other safety authorities. And of course, we will keep our national specificity. In France, periodic safety assessment, in the US, licence renewal. We will keep this at least for the next decades. But is it better to compare what we are really doing.

My third conclusion will be to say that it will be up to each one of us to decide the way forward. Did we find that this symposium was useful enough to think of another meeting, another symposium, within the next two or three years. If we decide to do so, when and where? What kind of operating experience feedback from this first meeting will you take in order to organise another one? I think it will be up to each one of us to do it.

This will be my final word, so I want to thank all the members of the final panel, all the participants, all the speakers, all the people

who organised the meeting, the symposium. I think it was a very good idea to choose Dijon. But of course, it will be up to you to draw the final conclusions. I want to thank you once more. Thank you very much.