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Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine

Resolution adopted on 28 September 2023 during the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,¹

- (a) Recalling the previous Board of Governors and General Conference discussions under the agenda item *Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine*, including resolutions GOV/2022/17, GOV/2022/58, and GOV/2022/71 entitled “The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine” adopted by the Board of Governors on 3 March 2022, 15 September 2022, and 17 November 2022 respectively,
- (b) Expressing grave concern that the Russian Federation has not heeded the previous calls of the Board of Governors to immediately cease all actions against and at nuclear facilities in Ukraine and to withdraw its military and other personnel from the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP),
- (c) Emphasizing the importance of nuclear safety and security regarding peaceful nuclear facilities and materials in all circumstances, including in armed conflict, and of the IAEA Director General’s ‘seven indispensable pillars for nuclear safety and security’ derived from IAEA safety standards and nuclear security guidance,
- (d) Noting the Director General’s statements on the situation in Ukraine since 24 February 2022 and his latest report on Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards in Ukraine contained in GC(67)/10, including his confirmation that the Agency complies with resolution A/RES/ES-11/4 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 12 October 2022, and noting with serious concern that the situation at the ZNPP remains “difficult and challenging” and that the Director General’s ‘seven indispensable pillars for nuclear safety and security’ have been “compromised fully or partially”, and

¹ The resolution was adopted with 69 in favour, 6 against and 33 abstentions.

(e) Noting the importance of the Director General's announcement on 30 May 2023 at the United Nations Security Council of five concrete principles for protecting the ZNPP and stressing that the implementation of these principles must be carried out in full respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine,

1. Commends the commitment of the Director General and IAEA Secretariat and fully supports the continued and reinforced physical presence of the IAEA Support and Assistance Mission to Zaporizhzhya (ISAMZ), given the ongoing risks to nuclear safety, security, and safeguards implementation at the ZNPP; underscores the need for Agency experts to be provided with unrestricted and timely access to and from all relevant locations at and around the ZNPP; and requests that the Director General continue to regularly report on the situation at the ZNPP, including on the observance of the aforementioned principles for nuclear safety and security;
2. Calls for the urgent withdrawal of all unauthorized military and other unauthorized personnel from Ukraine's ZNPP and for the plant to be immediately returned to the full control of the competent Ukrainian authorities consistent with the existing licence issued by the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine (SNRIU) to ensure its safe and secure operation and in order for the Agency to conduct safe, efficient, and effective safeguards implementation, in accordance with Ukraine's comprehensive safeguards agreement and additional protocol;
3. Fully supports the Agency's continued provision, upon request, of technical support and assistance to Ukraine to help ensure the safe and secure operation of nuclear facilities and activities involving radioactive sources, including the continued physical presence of IAEA technical experts at the Chernobyl, Rivne, Khmelnytsky, and South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plants;
4. Encourages Member States to offer political, financial, and in-kind support to the IAEA comprehensive programme of technical support and assistance to Ukraine, including through the provision of necessary nuclear safety and security equipment as requested by Ukraine;
5. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item "Nuclear Safety, Security, and Safeguards in Ukraine" in the agenda for its sixty-eighth (2024) regular session; and
6. Requests that the Director General continue to report to Member States on Agency activities in Ukraine.