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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 20 July 2022 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.

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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to transmit the following.

Ukraine continues performing provocative acts aimed at creating threats to nuclear facilities on its own territory. At the same time, the Ukrainian side is spreading disinformation that it is allegedly Russia that is endangering these facilities during the special military operation. But the facts are just the opposite.

On July 18, the armed forces of Ukraine, using two unmanned aerial vehicles, attacked the territory of the Zaporozhskaya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP). One of them was shot down while approaching the station. Another loitering drone hit in the immediate vicinity (several tens of meters) from the facilities critical for the safety of the nuclear power plant - the storage of spent nuclear fuel and the reactor cooling tank. As a result, the Russian military guarding the ZNPP got injured.

This loitering drone attack against the ZNPP zone is a blatant case. Ukraine, using such weapons near a nuclear facility, creates a threat not only to its own, but to the entire territory of Europe. Responsibility for the possible grave consequences of the behavior of the Kiev authorities lies not only on them, but also on the states that provide military support to the criminal regime of V. Zelensky. Those responsible for this and other similar crimes should be subject to punishment.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, “20” July 2022