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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 22 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.

On July 20, 2022, Ukraine again attacked the territory of the Zaporozhskaya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) using four combat unmanned aerial vehicles (loitering drones), which were rigged with explosives. The strike was delivered inside the protected perimeter of the ZNPP, near units and functional subsystems located on its territory, which are important for the normal operation of the plant.

With such unprecedented actions Kiev definitely creates the prerequisites for a large-scale technogenic catastrophe. The actions carried out by Ukraine in relation to the Zaporozhskaya NPP, only by a lucky coincidence, did not lead to damage to the station's equipment. Ukraine defiantly ignores the resolutions of the IAEA General Conference GC/(XXIX)/RES/444 of 1985, GC/(XXXIV)/RES/533 of 1990 and the decision of the IAEA General Conference GC(53)/DEC/13 of 2009, which state that “any armed attack on and threat against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter, international law and the Statute of the Agency”.

The attitude of the Ukrainian authorities towards their own citizens, employees of the ZNPP, whom the Kiev regime is trying to intimidate and prevent from fulfilling their professional duty in servicing the nuclear power plant, is also striking in its cynicism.

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In recent days, Kiev has carried out such provocations with frightening frequency – the last time a similar attack on the ZNPP using UAVs was carried out on July 18. The curators of the V.Zelensky regime prefer not to notice such actions of the Ukrainian military against nuclear infrastructure, encouraging them to continue their attacks.

We call on international organizations and the world community to pay close attention to the situation around Ukrainian nuclear facilities. It is necessary to make every effort to force Ukraine to stop the criminal practice of shelling nuclear power plants, which can lead to the most unpredictable and grave consequences.

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, '22' July 2022