

## Information Circular

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### Communication dated 6 August 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 6 August 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale, together with its attachment, is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.



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

At 02:40 p.m. (EET) on August 5, 2022, as a result of shelling by the Russian armed forces, several explosions occurred near the electrical switchboard of the 750 kV external power supply line at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. The shelling caused the shutdown of the electrical power transformer and two backup transformers.

As a result, the emergency protection system of one unit was triggered, diesel generators were set in operation to ensure the power supply for this unit. This unit was and remains disconnected from the power grid.

At 5:40 p.m. (EET) the same day, the nitrogen-oxygen station of the NPP was shelled. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire; however, the further urgent repairs are needed.

On the evening of August 6, 2022, the Russian armed forces fired rockets at Enerhodar city, also hitting the Zaporizhzhia NPP site directly next to the dry storage of spent nuclear fuel.

As a result, three radiation monitoring sensors around the storage site were damaged due to the shelling. Therefore, timely detection and response in case of deterioration of the radiation situation or leakage of radiation from containers of spent nuclear fuel is currently impossible.

The Zaporizhzhia NPP remains occupied and illegally controlled by the Russian armed forces and representatives of Rosatom. Against this background, it is impossible to predict further actions by the invaders; the highest threat to the NPP's physical security remains as the Russian armed forces continue shelling of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

The shelling by the Russian armed forces of the Zaporizhzhia NPP poses unprecedented risks to nuclear safety and security of Ukraine and neighbouring countries, as well as the international community. It is an open, brazen crime, an act of terror. Russia must bear responsibility for the very fact of creating a threat to the nuclear power plant.

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In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Ukraine recalls the IAEA General Conference unanimous decision GC(53)DEC/13 of 2009 stating 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 above-mentioned actions by the Russian occupants aim to destroy the plant's infrastructure, cause damage to all transmission lines that are used to transport electricity to the Ukrainian grid, and to cause blackout in the south of Ukraine.

This course of actions is being actively encouraged by Rosatom representatives, who remain illegally present at the site and personally coordinate the process of cutting off the Zaporizhzhia NPP from the Ukrainian power system by shelling all transmission lines that connect this facility to the Ukrainian grid.

In addition to damaging and destroying the Zaporizhzhia NPP infrastructure, further illegal actions by the Russian occupants may include total blackout of the plant, followed by starting of diesel generators at all power units in order to cool down the nuclear fuel in all reactors and spent fuel pools of each power unit.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine previously informed that the Russian armed forces have placed military vehicles, weapons and explosives in turbine halls No.1 and No. 2. Such actions actually equal mine planting at two nuclear reactors of the largest nuclear power plant in Europe. Earlier, the Russian armed forces have already planted mines along the Zaporizhzhia NPP shoreline beyond the cooling ponds line and adjacent shoreline of Kakhovka Reservoir.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine uses this opportunity to communicate the Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the shelling of the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP by the Russian Federation (attached).

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale together with the attachment as Information Circular to all IAEA Member States.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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*[Signature]* Vienna, 6 August 2022

# **Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the shelling of the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP by the Russian Federation**

05 August 2022

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemns the actions of the Russian occupying forces on the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP in the city of Energodar on August 5, 2022.

In particular, against the background of the cynical video statement of the president of the Russian Federation at the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons that the Russian Federation has no intention to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine, Russia resorted to numerous provocations at the nuclear facility.

After the military trucks and SUVs filled with weapons were moved to the premises of the 1st and 2nd blocks of the ZNPP, which are under the service, at the beginning of August 2022, artillery shelling of the territory near the ZNPP industrial site took place today. As a result of the three recorded hits, the high-voltage power supply line of the ZNPP – Zaporizhzhia TPP was damaged.

The possible consequences of hitting an operating reactor are equivalent to the use of an atomic bomb.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls on the international community to urgently take measures to force Russia to release the ZNPP and return the power plant to the control of Ukraine for the sake of the security of the whole world.