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Communication dated 24 February 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a communication dated 24 February 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency communicating a Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.
2. As requested by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine, the communication and the Statement are 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 Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the new wave of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine uses this opportunity to inform the Secretariat that on 24 February 2022, at 5:00 a.m. EET, Russia committed an act of open aggression against Ukraine.

As of 12:00 p.m. EET 24 February 2022, the communication (all communication channels, email, phones etc) is maintained with all nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities in Ukraine. Since the Russian Armed Forces continue attacking Ukrainian infrastructure, communication with NPPs may be lost.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna will keep the Secretariat duly informed.

Additionally, all relevant information will be shared by the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine through the IAEA Unified System for Information Exchange in Incidents and Emergencies (USIE) if the internet connection is available.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate above mentioned Statement 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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Vienna, 24 February 2022

Secretariat
International Atomic Energy Agency
Vienna

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the new wave of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine

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RUSSIA'S AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

The President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin has announced the start of the new wave of aggression against Ukraine.

The goal of the Russian offensive military operation is to destroy the Ukrainian state, to seize by force Ukrainian territory, and to establish occupational control.

The Russian Armed Forces are launching attacks on peaceful Ukrainian cities from different directions, including from the territory of the temporary occupied Donbas and Crimea, as well as from South-East region.

This is an act of war, an attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, a brutal violation of the UN Charter and basic norms and principles of the international law.

Ukraine has activated its right to self-defense in accordance with international law.

The combat spirit of the Ukrainian military is high, our defenders are ready to give a decisive response to the aggressor state, and will protect the Ukrainian soil with all their strength.

Ukraine calls on the international community to act immediately. Only united and decisive actions can stop Vladimir Putin's aggression against Ukraine.

Our partners should immediately enact a package of new sanctions. We also call on friendly capitals to continue strengthening Ukraine's defense capabilities by providing weapons and military equipment.

Not only the lives and security of Ukrainian citizens, but also security of citizens of the entire Europe and the future of the world order depend on our joint response.