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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 25 March 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine 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 Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to draw attention to the Comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on Russian disinformation about the detention of Russian nuclear specialists at the Rivne NPP, which can be accessed through the following link: <https://mfa.gov.ua/en/news/comment-ministry-foreign-affairs-ukraine-russian-disinformation-about-detention-russian-nuclear-specialists-rivne-npp>

The relevant comment is also attached to this Note Verbale.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to circulate this Note Verbale as Information Circular to all IAEA Member States without delay.

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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Secretariat
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Comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on Russian disinformation about the detention of Russian nuclear specialists at the Rivne NPP

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With regard to the spread of disinformation within the IAEA by the Russian Federation about the alleged detention of the Russian nuclear specialists in the premises of the Rivne NPP the Ministry of foreign affairs of Ukraine informs the following.

There are no Russian nuclear specialists at the Rivne NPP and they never were there. Four armed citizens of the Russian Federation escorted the shipment of nuclear fuel elements that had arrived to the station before February 24, 2022. Since the arrival the said persons in accordance with the contract were guarding the shipment until its discharge.

On March 23, after handing over the cargo to the Ukrainian side the disarmed Russian citizens left the Rivne NPP.

Currently the Russians reside in the hotel as they have wished. They do not express the desire to come back to Russia.

The Ukrainian side is ready to facilitate the return of the Russian citizens on the territory of the Russian federation in accordance with the current procedures if they change their plans.