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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 11 April 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.

State Atomic Energy Corporation “Rosatom” confirms the return to Russia of four employees of its subsidiary JSC “Atomspetstrans”, who have been illegally detained in Ukraine for a month and a half. We are grateful to everyone who participated in arranging the return of our colleagues. We expect that after some rest and recovery they will return to their team.

In order to save lives and health of our people, we organized their return home as part of the exchange of prisoners of war. There was no other possibility. At the same time, we emphasize once again that we are talking about civilians, unarmed workers of the nuclear industry, who performed their professional duty to accompany the cargo to the Rovenskaya NPP in Ukraine.

We consider the fact that Kiev detained our employees and put pressure on them as a flagrant violation not only of international law, but also of the code of ethics according to which the world nuclear community lives. These actions of the Ukrainian authorities will receive a proper legal assessment. The perpetrators should be punished.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
Vienna

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, “11” April 2022