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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 27 January 2023 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 International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honor to convey that Ukraine continues to use the IAEA as a platform for anti-Russian attacks and to distort the situation around the Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP), which is under Russian jurisdiction after the Zaporozhye region became part of the Russian Federation as its new subject following the referendum held in September 2022. In this regard, we would like to inform you about the following.

As of January 27, 2023, the ZNPP is powered from external sources. Auxiliary power transformers, backup power lines carry voltage from external sources. Power unit No. 3 is under repair, units No. 1, 2 and 4 are in cold shutdown mode, units No. 5 and 6 are in hot shutdown mode (to provide heat supply to the NPP site and the city of Energodar).

The ZNPP auxiliary power supply is ensured through high-voltage lines "Dneprovskaya" (750 kW) and "Ferrosplavnaya-1" (330 kW). The information that the Ferrosplavnaya-1 line "was damaged as a result of Russian shelling" is false. In fact, it was precisely as a result of Ukrainian attacks, regularly carried out since July 2022, that three power lines connecting the ZNPP with the external energy system, and five of the six auxiliary lines (from the Zaporozhskaya TPP) were disabled.

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Due to the possible new shelling of the plant by the armed forces of Ukraine (AFU) and insufficient reliability of external power supply, the power units cannot be launched, since an unplanned interruption of power supply to NPP units operating at power can lead to a significantly more severe accident than units in hot shutdown.

The construction of a protective structure at the open site of the spent nuclear fuel (SNF) dry storage facility is completed. Now the risks of SNF containers destruction as a result of Ukrainian shelling of the storage site have significantly decreased. IAEA inspectors permanently located at the ZNPP site are informed about the technical details of the protective structure and have access to it.

Kiev's senseless accusations against us of allegedly torturing and detaining station employees, actively disseminated both in the IAEA and in the media, including Western publications, are made with the sole purpose of destabilizing the situation at the plant and putting psychological pressure on the staff, thereby creating a direct threat to the nuclear safety and nuclear security regime at the facility. No one is forcing the plant employees to sign labor contracts with the company "Zaporozhskaya NPP Operating Organization". This is done by them exclusively on a voluntary basis.

As for the former ZNPP Director General Mr Igor Murashov, he was suspended from his post due to the regular transfers of information to the Ukrainian side (in particular, about the deployment of Russian troops), which was subsequently used by the armed forces of Ukraine to shell the territories adjacent to the plant. Despite the proven fact of cooperation with the Ukrainian security agencies, the Russian side showed humanity and allowed him to freely travel to Kiev, avoiding criminal prosecution.

Mr Yury Chernichuk, former ZNPP Chief Engineer, who operates in full compliance with Russian legislation and has all the relevant work permits, has been appointed as the new Director General of the plant.

We will continue in the spirit of transparency to bring to the attention of the IAEA and the world community the real state of affairs around the ZNPP so that an objective picture of what is happening at this largest nuclear facility in Europe is formed.

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 Secretariat the assurances of its highest considerations.

Vienna, "27" January 2023