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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 1 February 2023 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 communicate the following.

During 18-24 January 2023, the following events took place at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, temporary occupied by the Russian armed forces and Rosatom.

Safety and security systems and equipment (pillar 2):

Mobile boilers, which the Russian occupiers installed at the Zaporizhzhia NPP to meet the plant's needs during winter instead of starting one of the power units, constantly break down, and also consume a large amount of diesel fuel.

Such actions can lead to a potential emergency situation due to inability of mobile boilers to provide for the critical needs of the plant as well as a reduction of the minimum fuel reserve required for the operation of diesel generators for 10 days in the event of a power outage.

Personnel (pillar 3):

Illegal actions by the Russian occupiers at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, including torture and abuse of Ukrainian personnel, led to significant decrease in the number of staff currently working at the plant.

Over the past month alone, the staff of the plant has decreased by about 400 people to 2,000 employees.

Such decrease in qualified and licensed Ukrainian personnel severely endangers the safe operation of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

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Rosatom, illegally present at the site, does not have enough personnel to cover the shortage of labour at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. Competence of Rosatom employees, illegally present at the site, is not enough to organize the normal operation of the plant. Moreover, they simply may not interfere into the work of the Ukrainian NPP.

The Russian occupiers, in particular representatives of Rostekhnadzor, illegally present at the site of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, are trying to introduce Russian regulatory norms and rules for plant operation.

Since the Ukrainian licensed personnel of the Zaporizhzhia NPP work exclusively in accordance with the terms of Ukrainian licenses and Ukrainian regulatory framework for nuclear and radiation safety, which differs significantly from Russian norms, such actions can lead to inconsistencies in the process of making important decisions and, as a result, human errors, which can lead to an emergency situation.

All above-mentioned actions by the Russian occupiers violate indispensable pillars of safety and security.

They are also in absolute contradiction to the IAEA Board of Governors resolutions GOV/2022/17 of 3 March 2022, GOV/2022/58 of 15 September 2022 and GOV/2022/71 of 17 November 2022 “The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine”.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale 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.



Vienna, 01 February 2023