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

On 9 July 2023, Deputy chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Dmitriy Medvedev wrote a post on Telegram threatening to strike three Ukrainian nuclear power plants and nuclear facilities in Europe.

The full quotation may be seen under the following link:
https://t.me/medvedev_telegram/352

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Ukraine draws attention to the fact that attacks against peaceful nuclear facilities constitute a grave violation of international law. In particular, Additional Protocols I and II to the 1949 Geneva Conventions contain specific provisions dealing with attacks on nuclear power plants.

In 2009, the IAEA General Conference, in its decision on “Prohibition of armed attack or threat of attack against nuclear installations, during operation or under construction”, noted that: “any armed attack on and threat against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter, international law and the Statute of the Agency”.

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Against this background, the Permanent Mission of Ukraine reiterates that Russia's actions in Ukraine violate international law and are entirely inconsistent with the objectives of the Agency as outlined in the IAEA Statute.

The Russian Federation has repeatedly undermined international law, and continues to threaten nuclear safety and security in Ukraine and beyond.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine encourages all Member States to consider the above-mentioned violations by Russia as one of the IAEA Board of Governors Members and to take relevant steps on a national or regional basis to hold Russia to account for its repeated disregard of the IAEA objectives and its basic decisions.

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, 11 July 2023