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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 25 August 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.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine draws attention of the IAEA Member States to the critical situation with nuclear safety at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) as a result of the Russian Federation's deliberate obstruction of the implementation of the regulatory orders of the national nuclear regulatory authority – the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine (SNRIU).

In particular, due to the seizure of the Ukrainian nuclear power plant by the armed forces of the Russian Federation, the constant violation by representatives of Rosatom of the operational requirements at it, followed by the compromise of all seven indispensable pillars of nuclear safety and security at the plant, the SNRIU issued regulatory orders to limit the operation of all six units of the ZNPP to a cold shutdown mode.

In return, contrary to the regulatory orders and in violation of the limits and conditions of safe operation, the Russian occupiers continue to conduct unauthorized activities with power units of the ZNPP.

Constant change of modes of the ZNPP units (from cold to hot mode and vice versa) by the Russian occupiers is a distortion of the fundamental principles of nuclear power plant safety, a disregard for regulatory documents and a degradation of nuclear safety culture.

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On the technical side, the actions of the Russian Side lead to the destruction of steam generators as a result of a violation of the water-chemical regime, which subsequently creates the risk of small or medium coolant leakage from the primary-to-secondary circuit of the power unit with a possible release of radioactive isotopes into the environment around the ZNPP.

In such circumstances, and as long as the Ukrainian ZNPP remains under Russian occupation, the normal operation, maintenance, engineering, regulatory, environmental and economic planning activities to manage the material condition of the ZNPP cannot be properly implemented.

Unauthorized activities by the Russian Federation at the Ukrainian nuclear power plant evoke a number of emergency scenarios and increased the risks of a nuclear incident there, first and foremost due to violation of the operational license of the ZNPP.

The Russian Federation must cease all its actions against and at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia NPP, withdraw its military and other personnel from the plant and compensate for the damage caused to this nuclear facility and other nuclear infrastructure in Ukraine.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as an 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, 25 August 2023