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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 28 September 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale 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 updated information about the situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant during 25 August - 25 September 2023.

On 31 August 2023, a rotation of the IAEA permanent mission took place at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. This was already the 11th rotation of the Agency's mission.

The technical condition of the ZNPP continues to deteriorate due to the incompetent and illegal actions of the Russian occupation administration of the plant, including an insufficient number of maintenance personnel and the incompetence of Russian workers brought by the occupation administration.

Currently, the Zaporizhzhia NPP is critically short of maintenance personnel, which causes additional difficulties in properly maintaining the systems and structures of the plant that are important for nuclear and radiation safety. There is also an acute shortage of licensed operators at the control panels. The occupation administration of the plant is recruiting new employees from Russian nuclear power plants who do not have the necessary qualifications and experience to perform work at the site.

A slight decrease in the water level in the ZNPP cooling pond is recorded. Now, it is 15.88 meters. On 23 September 2023, the drilling of eleven wells around the ZNPP cooling pond was completed. This is enough to meet current needs of the plant.

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The occupiers plan to transform the Zaporizhzhia NPP Unit No. 4 to hot shutdown mode. This is expected to be done in about two weeks. Such actions are a gross violation of the terms of the license, which provides for the operation of all ZNPP power units only in the cold shutdown mode due to long downtime of the power unit equipment and lack of maintenance, and pose a direct threat to nuclear and radiation safety.

The ZNPP continues to receive stable power supply from the Ukrainian power grid through the main 750 kV Dniprovskia high-voltage line or the only available backup line Ferosplavna-1, 330 kV.

Three out of twelve external radiation monitoring posts are inaccessible and/or non-operational. Radiation levels at the site are within normal operating conditions.

IAEA experts continue to request the ZNPP occupation administration to grant access to the roofs of the plant's reactor units No. 1, 2, 5 and 6, as well as to all six turbine rooms.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna, 28 September 2023