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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 1 November 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 the following.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine wishes to draw attention to the recent illegal actions of the Russian Federation at the temporarily occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

The operator of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, State Enterprise "National Nuclear Energy Generating Company "Energoatom", reported that the closure of reactor vessel No. 3 is being completed at the NPP site and the process of sealing the head part of the reactor continues.

These works are carried out in complete disregard of the requirements 31 and 32 of the IAEA Specific Safety Requirements SSR-2/2 (Rev.1) "Safety of Nuclear Power Plants: Commissioning and Operation", as well as the requirements of Section 10.4. of the national rules and regulations 306.2.141-2005 "General Safety Provisions for Nuclear Power Plants", providing for appropriate maintenance and repair of systems and elements important for safety.

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These actions are carried out by the Russian occupation administration of the Zaporizhzhia NPP without justifying the intentions and requirements of operation of power unit No. 3. Additionally, these actions reduce the margin of time before the power unit reaches a critical state (and capacity), which increases the risk of operational events.

Given the serious shortage of qualified personnel, the blocking of automatic data transmission from the ARMS and the critical limitation of the work of the IAEA mission at the Zaporizhzhia NPP site, such actions of the Russian occupiers will not allow a timely response to potential events at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

Due to systematic violations by the Russian occupiers of the Ukrainian national and international norms and regulations on nuclear and radiation safety, as well as the conditions of the licences for the operation of nuclear installations of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, there is a high risk of a nuclear accident at the site.

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 Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration. *ys*



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