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1. On 16 November 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale (N.4353-n) from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation 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 the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to inform on the following.

Based on the results of the referendum held in autumn 2022 on the Zaporozhskiy region joining Russia, a number of regulatory legal acts were adopted, in particular, decree of the President of the Russian Federation dated September 29, 2022 No. 685 “On recognition of the Zaporozhskiy region”, federal constitutional law dated October 4, 2022 No. 7-FKZ “On the admission of the Zaporozhskiy region to the Russian Federation and the establishment of a new federal subject within the Russian Federation – the Zaporozhskiy region”, as well as decree of the President of the Russian Federation dated October 5, 2022 No. 711 “On features of legal regulation in the field of use of atomic energy in the territory of Zaporozhskiy region”, according to which the Zaporozhskiy region is a federal subject of the Russian Federation, and the Zaporozhskaya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) is a Russian nuclear facility. State supervision in the field of the use of atomic energy at the site of this plant is carried out in a regime of constant supervision by the Russian regulatory body – Rostekhnadzor.

The claims of Ukraine and, in particular, SNRIU of having the right to formulate any regulatory instructions regarding ZNPP are legally and politically void.

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Kiev's interference in the operation of the plant contradicts the provisions of the Convention on nuclear safety, in particular paragraph III of the preamble and article 9.

Anti-personnel mines are installed outside the perimeter of the ZNPP solely for the purpose of countering attempts by the armed forces of Ukraine to seize the station or penetrate into its territory. Such attempts were recently publicly acknowledged by the leadership of Ukrainian military intelligence. These barriers have demonstrated high effectiveness in ensuring the safety of the plant and its personnel. No mines have ever been installed on the territory of the ZNPP itself, which is confirmed by the IAEA Director General R.Grossi in relevant statements, the so-called "updates", published on the Agency's website (in particular, statements by the IAEA Director General No. 187 of October 12, No. 189 of October 20, No. 191 of October 27, which note that based on the results of walkdowns at the ZNPP facilities and the plant site, Agency experts did not notice any explosive devices).

The Russian Federation and, in particular, the ZNPP operating organization are doing everything to guarantee normal working conditions for plant employees. We inform the world community about these efforts on a weekly basis through materials that are distributed as IAEA Information Circulars and official UN Security Council documents. At the same time, we note that Ukraine regularly practices psychological terror against the ZNPP personnel in an attempt to force employees to commit actions that create threats to the nuclear facility, and also shells the town of Energodar, where plant workers and members of their families live.

V.Zelensky's regime also undertakes attacks on other Russian nuclear facilities, in particular, attacks by Ukrainian UAVs are detected against the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant, as well as its satellite town of Kurchatov.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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