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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 28 December 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 inform about the alarming developments at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), which undermine the IAEA's Seven Indispensable Pillars of Safety and Security.

Since the Russian occupation of the Ukrainian nuclear facility, the ZNPP, in March 2022, no routine maintenance and repair of equipment of systems and elements important for ensuring the safety of nuclear installations have been carried out at the ZNPP site.

In particular, a number of routine maintenance works were not carried out in 2022-2023, including but not limited to the following:

- major repairs of power units No. 1, No. 2, and No. 5;
- medium repairs of reactor units No. 3, No. 4, and No. 6;
- major repairs of steam generators;
- major repairs of pressure compensators, main circulation pumps, heat exchangers;
- major repairs of diesel generators;
- other activities that are required by the relevant maintenance and repair plans.

According to the estimates of the sole legitimate operator of the ZNPP – the State Enterprise National Nuclear Energy Generating Company «Energoatom», the volume of outstanding major repairs of the main equipment of the reactor compartment is 60% of the planned level for power units No. 1, No. 4, and No. 5; 65% - for power unit No. 2; and 55% - for power units No. 3 and No. 6.

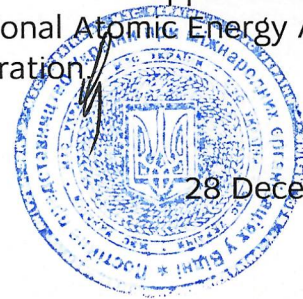
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Technical problems and malfunctions at the plant are the result of an irresponsible attitude towards the equipment of the Ukrainian ZNPP on the part of the Russian occupation administration and representatives of Rosatom and Rostechнадзор.

Failure to perform timely maintenance and repair leads to an increase in the risk of additional failures of safety system equipment, which can turn an operational event into an accident, during which not only Ukraine, but also European countries may be exposed to radiation.

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.



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