

# Information Circular

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## Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 22 January 2024, 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, referring to the IAEA Director General Statement on the Situation in Ukraine – Update 207 of 19 January 2024, has the honour to convey the extreme concern of the Ukrainian side with the fact that on the site of the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), mines planted by the Russian armed forces remain.

Mines pose a direct threat to the health and life of the Ukrainian personnel of the ZNPP, who continue to work in inhumane conditions under Russian military occupation and are exposed to most serious threats on a daily basis.

Against this background, the Permanent Mission of Ukraine expresses serious concern about the increased risks of damage to the ISAMZ due to the presence of anti-personnel mines planted at the site of the ZNPP by the Russian armed forces.

As the Director General has repeatedly reported, Russian mines at the Ukrainian nuclear facility also pose direct threat to the nuclear safety and security of the plant due to a violation of at least four out of seven Indispensable Pillars.

Mining between perimeter fences of the Zaporizhzhia NPP makes movement of fire engines and other special vehicles impossible in case access that area is necessary.

Even more alarming is the lack of information about the possible mining of other areas and locations at the site of the Ukrainian Zaporizhzhia NPP, including those directly affecting nuclear safety and security of the plant. This is a constant uncertain threat to both the Ukrainian personnel of the ZNPP and the IAEA staff.

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Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia NPP must be promptly and unconditionally demined. Russia must remove all previously installed anti-personnel mines from the Ukrainian peaceful nuclear facility.

The Government of Ukraine is engaged in a dialogue with partner countries and international organizations on demining the Russian-mined areas of our country, including the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

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

Vienna, 22 January 2024

