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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 2 February 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 has the honour to communicate the following.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine expresses serious concern that the Ukrainian personnel of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, who have been working at the plant for a long time and have the necessary experience and a license from Ukraine's national regulator, have been blocked from accessing their workplaces since 1 February 2024 by the Russian occupation administration.

Blocking access to plant employees violates the third of IAEA's seven indispensable pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security in an armed conflict, namely: «The operating staff must be able to fulfil their safety and security duties and have the capacity to make decisions free of undue pressure».

Constant pressure from the occupation administration of the plant, blackmail, torture, kidnapping, and inhumane treatment of ZNPP workers by Russian military units have already led to a significant reduction in the number of employees at Europe's largest nuclear power plant. This, combined with the blocking of access, further aggravated the situation at the occupied Zaporizhzhia NPP.

Staying in such conditions affects the physical and mental health of people operating the reactors and making extremely complex and important decisions, in particular, regarding the process of safe management of the ZNPP, which is under occupation.

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, 02 February 2024

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