

# Information Circular

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

1. On 23 August 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 Russian Federation continues to endanger nuclear security at the Ukrainian nuclear power plants by launching air attacks on Ukrainian territories.

This week, Russian Shahed-type strike drones were recorded several times near the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant. In particular, on the night of 19-20 August 2024, seventeen Shahed-type drones were detected in the vicinity of the plant site. The drone debris was found at a distance of 1.7 km from the industrial site of the plant.

On the night of 21 August 2024, Russia carried out another attack with Shahed-type drones on the Mykolaiv region of Ukraine, where the South Ukrainian NPP is located. Twenty-three drones were detected in the immediate vicinity of the plant and one of them flew directly over its industrial site.

The flight of drones and fall of their debris near Ukrainian nuclear power plants pose a serious threat to both the open distribution devices of the NPPs and the main substations to which the power lines of the NPPs are connected. The loss of external communication lines between the nuclear power plant and the power grid may lead to a complete blackout of the plant and subsequent activation of emergency diesel generators, which are the last barrier of protection of the NPP.

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, 23 August 2024

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