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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 10 October 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 engage in hostile actions that directly jeopardize Ukraine's nuclear safety and security. Despite repeated appeals from the international community and in blatant disregard of IAEA nuclear safety standards and security guidance, Russia remains committed to its dangerous conduct, putting vital infrastructure and the safety of millions at risk.

In particular, the following incidents have been recorded:

- Between 00:08 (EEST) and 01:35 (EEST) on 1 October 2024, five Shahed-136 UAVs were recorded flying near the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant, with one UAV flying directly over the secured zone of the facility.
- On 3 October 2024, at 02:15 (EEST), an unidentified UAV was detected in the vicinity of the Rivne Nuclear Power Plant.
- On 7 October 2024, at 06:54 (EEST), a Shahed-136 UAV was observed flying near the Khmelnytskyi Nuclear Power Plant.

These incidents represent a growing and dangerous trend of UAV activity in close proximity to critical nuclear infrastructure, significantly raising the risk of a nuclear incident or accident with potential cross-boundary consequences.

The continuous and deliberate use of drones in the vicinity of these highly sensitive areas by Russia blatantly disregards the key principles of nuclear safety, as outlined by IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi during the special session of the IAEA Board of Governors on 2 March 2022. These actions raise grave concerns about the safety of nuclear installations across Ukraine and underscore the severe risks to both regional and global security. Such operations also threaten the stability and safe functioning of Ukraine's nuclear energy infrastructure.

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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine kindly 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, 09 October 2024