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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 24 September 2025, 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.

On 23 September 2025, at 16:56 (EEST), the last remaining 750 kV Dniprovskia off-site power line connecting the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) to the unified power system of Ukraine was disconnected.

This outage resulted from deliberate actions by the Russian Federation aimed at disconnecting Ukrainian nuclear installation from the national grid and forcing a re-routing of power flows under occupation. This assessment aligns with the pattern of attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure and with repeated interference in the plant's off-site power arrangements.

The present event follows the loss of the 330 kV back-up line on 7 May 2025, after which the plant remained dependent on a single 750 kV line. IAEA reporting has consistently described the off-site power situation at the plant as highly precarious.

The IAEA team at the site observed the automatic start of emergency diesel generators to supply the plant's in-house needs. Operation on emergency diesel generators is a last line of defence, and it is not a sustainable source of electricity for the plant's own needs. Such operation depends on secure fuel deliveries, availability of spare parts, and adequate staffing under occupation. It cannot replace the stable and redundant grid connections required for reactor and spent fuel cooling.

Ukraine is deeply concerned about any attempt to reconfigure transmission infrastructure to connect the plant to the Russian power system. Such steps would solidify the unlawful seizure of Ukrainian nuclear facility and directly contradict the decisions of the governing bodies of the IAEA

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that the plant must operate under the full sovereign control of the competent Ukrainian authorities. Switching and synchronization under wartime conditions could introduce significant technical and operational risks, increasing the potential for a complete loss of off-site power during reconfiguration. Additionally, these changes could disrupt connections to Ukrainian emergency response chains and logistics, compromising safe operations.

The overall trajectory under Russian military control is bleak. Repeated and prolonged threats to off-site power, emergency operation cycles on diesel generators, degradation risks for systems not designed for extended islanding, staff fatigue and intimidation, constraints on maintenance and testing, continuing military activity near critical lines and switchyards, and the absence of independent regulatory access – all increase the likelihood of a severe nuclear safety and security event.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine desperately warns: should this critical situation persist unresolved, the plant will plunge into unstoppable technical degradation, unleashing a torrent of nuclear dangers poised to erupt into cataclysmic chaos. Every moment the facility remains beyond Ukraine's sovereign control the spectre of apocalyptic consequences looms ever larger, casting a chilling shadow over regional and global safety, in brazen defiance of international order.

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, 24 September 2025