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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 1 October 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 1 October 2025, the armed forces of the Russian Federation carried out a targeted strike on the 330 kV electrical substation supplying the city of Slavutych, causing a complete power outage in the city and knock-on disruptions in parts of the neighbouring Chernihiv region, with local authorities forced to switch essential services to contingency schedules.

The city of Slavutych was purpose-built to house the operational personnel of the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant, as well as many first responders and liquidators of the 1986 accident. The city remains the home base for specialists who ensure the safe and secure conduct of decommissioning, spent fuel management and radioactive waste handling at Chornobyl facilities and in the Exclusion Zone. As the only purpose-built city in Ukraine created to support the long-term nuclear safety of a major site, Slavutych continues to provide the necessary human resources, expertise and logistical capacity. Any disruption of its energy supply directly undermines the ability of this professional community to carry out critical safety-related functions.

Power interruptions in Slavutych directly affect the availability and resilience of qualified staff. Outages disrupt heating, water supply, medical services, transport and digital communications. These services underpin staff readiness and regular shift patterns. Sustained outages hinder timely mobilization and rotation of personnel. They also undermine protected communications and crisis-response arrangements that are essential for safety and security functions linked to Chornobyl.

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Ukraine recalls the Director General's Seven Indispensable Pillars of nuclear safety and security and his Five Concrete Principles for the protection of nuclear facilities. Actions that degrade reliable staffing, stable off-site support and secure communications run counter to these frameworks. They are inconsistent with IAEA Safety Standards and with guidance in the IAEA Nuclear Security Series that call for robust defence-in-depth, minimization of external hazards and continuity of critical support systems for nuclear installations and their personnel.

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, 01 October 2025

