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The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine

Resolution adopted on 3 March 2022 during the 1613th session

The Board of Governors,

(a) <u>Recalling</u> the Statute and the need to conduct activities in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations to promote peace and international co-operation,

(b) <u>Reaffirming</u> the 2009 General Conference unanimous decision GC(53)/DEC/13, which recognised the importance attached to safety, security and physical protection of nuclear material and nuclear facilities, and <u>noting</u> General Conference resolutions GC(XXIX)/RES/444 and GC(XXXIV)/RES/533 regarding attacks against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes, and

(c) <u>Noting</u> the Director General's statements since 24 February 2022 in which he appealed for maximum restraint and stated that "it was of vital importance that the safe and secure operations of the [Chornobyl Exclusion] zone's nuclear facilities should not be affected or disrupted in any way",

1. <u>Deplores</u> the Russian Federation's actions in Ukraine, including forcefully seizing control of nuclear facilities and other violent actions in connection with a number of nuclear facilities, nuclear and other radioactive material, which have caused and continue to pose serious and direct threats to the safety and security of these facilities and their civilian personnel, significantly raising the risk of a nuclear accident or incident, which endangers the population of Ukraine, neighbouring States and the international community;

2. <u>Expresses further grave concern</u> that the Russian Federation's aggression is impeding the Agency from fully and safely conducting safeguards verification activities at Ukrainian nuclear facilities within its internationally recognised borders, in accordance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Ukraine's safeguards agreement and the Statute;

3. <u>Calls upon</u> the Russian Federation to immediately cease all actions against, and at, the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant and any other nuclear facility in Ukraine, in order for the competent Ukrainian authorities to preserve or promptly regain full control over all nuclear facilities within Ukraine's internationally recognized borders and ensure their safe and secure operations, and in order for the Agency to fully resume its safeguards verification activities, including the necessary verification of material accountancy and control; and

4. <u>Requests</u> that the Director General and the Secretariat continue to closely monitor the situation, with a special focus on the safety and security of Ukraine's nuclear facilities and report to the Board on these elements, as required.