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## Communication dated 29 July 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 29 July 2022 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation 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 the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to transmit the following.

Ukraine continues its disinformation propaganda campaign at the IAEA. At the same time, Kiev regime is carrying out attacks on the Zaporozhskaya nuclear power plant (ZNPP), unprecedented in terms of the degree of danger for a nuclear facility, using strike unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs, the last two attacks took place on July 18 and 20), about which Kiev and its Western patrons prefer to remain stubbornly silent. The juggling of facts about the state of affairs at the ZNPP has long been a hallmark of the V. Zelensky regime. In this regard, we would like to convey to the Member States of the Agency the true picture of what is happening.

The insinuations of the Ukrainian side that the Russian military at the ZNPP allegedly insist on turning off the cooling system for the subsequent shutdown of the spent fuel pools have nothing to do with the reality. In fact, it is about the so-called spray cooling pond of safety systems, and not about nuclear fuel storage pools. Activities such as draining of spray ponds are part of the operational procedures and are performed on a regular basis.

The Ukrainian information that Russia is blocking the supply of spare parts and equipment, as well as the arrival of specialized personnel at the ZNPP for scheduled maintenance work, does not correspond to reality. Supplies of material

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and technical resources necessary for the safe operation of the station are carried out on a regular basis by the Ukrainian side through mutually agreed channels. On this account, we have documents (waybills) confirming the receipt of the relevant equipment. There were no requests for the arrival of specialized personnel from Kiev, since all the necessary specialists work at the station itself.

Statements concerning the presence at the ZNPP of ROSATOM specialists are absolutely false. There is indeed a limited number of Russian specialists there. However, they do not interfere with the operation of the station. Their tasks include advisory support to Ukrainian personnel and, if necessary, ensuring their interaction with the Russian military.

The situation with the presence of Russian equipment on the territory of the station and the fact that it allegedly interferes with the work of firefighting vehicles is presented in a distorted light. On the territory of the station, there is a limited number of transport and communication vehicles which were dislocated in the engine room of one of the power units after the attacks of Ukrainian UAVs and in agreement with the management of the station. They do not pose any danger (fuel is drained from them). Moreover these vehicles cannot interfere with the work of firefighting vehicles. There is no Russian military equipment on the territory of the ZNPP. The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, “29” July 2022