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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 9 August 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.

In connection with continuing strikes of the armed forces of Ukraine (AFU) upon Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) and the city of Energodar, the Russian side is providing additional information and clarifications on these issues.

It is being confirmed, that on 5 August, the shellings by AFU resulted in damage of the plant's industrial facilities: the open switchgear, the combined gas station and the electrolysis facility. There is damage to pipelines of the plant's gas systems. As a result of hits at the assemblies of hydrogen receivers, there was an ignition, the fire has been extinguished.

The 330 kV high-voltage power line ZNPP – Zaporozhskaya TES has been damaged. In this regard, the Ukrainian operating personnel has decided to disconnect one of ZNPP operating Units from the grid and perform its shutdown. Intensive attempts of AFU to destroy the mentioned power line impede the beginning of repair and restoration work for reestablishment of normal power supply at ZNPP.

As a result of shellings of the suburbs of Energodar, the city had been cut off from electric and water supply for several hours. There are dead among the civil population. The sanatorium-dispensary of ZNPP has been damaged.

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On 6 August, the Ukrainian side struck ZNPP with a cassette munition, shrapnel warheads of which hit the site in the area of the dry spent nuclear fuel (SNF) storage, as well as the Automatic radiation monitoring system (ASCRO) station. Currently, no damage to SNF containers has been found, all ASCRO sensors are operational.

During the shelling of ZNPP on 6 August, one of the plant's employees was injured and hospitalized in a moderate condition.

On 7 August, the Zelenskiy regime committed a new act of nuclear terrorism on the nuclear infrastructure facilities of ZNPP to create a humanitarian catastrophe on the territories of Khersonskaya and Zaporozhskaya oblasts. The plant was shelled by units of the 44th Ukrainian artillery brigade from the region of the inhabited locality Marganets located on the opposite shore of Kakhovskoe reservoir. The high-voltage power line "Kakhovskaya" was damaged.

As a result, there was a power surge that caused damage of equipment of an open switchgear (750 kW) without an ignition. When the power line "Kakhovskaya" was shut off, the power supply of the NPP control and safety system went offline at the Unit №4 that was operational at 10% capacity, which triggered the emergency protection of the Unit №4.

The Ukrainian personnel of the plant has decided on cooldown of the Unit №4 of ZNPP, as well as downpower of the Units №5 and №6. Currently, the Units №5 and №6 are downpowered to 500 MW, the cooldown of the Unit №4 is continuing.

As a result of unceasing Ukrainian strikes on the infrastructure of Energodar, more than 40 power line breaks have been found within the city's territory, there are victims among the civil population including one of ZNPP employees.

The radiation background at ZNPP remains within the limits allowed for this territory.

The Russian side calls on the international community to pay the most serious attention and to strongly condemn the shellings of ZNPP by the Ukrainian armed forces, that are fraught with catastrophic cosequences for a huge territory including the whole Europe.

We urge the UN and the IAEA, as well as the States that have particular influence on the Ukrainian leadership to put an end to criminal and inhuman provocations that could lead to the biggest nuclear accident in history.

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, “09” August 2022