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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 18 August 2022 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 August 18, 2022, so-called Russian media 'RIA-Novosti' disseminated information with the statement of the head of the radiation, chemical and biological defence forces of the Russian armed forces, Lieutenant General Igor Kirillov.

In his statement above-mentioned official underlined that the Russian occupants consider possibility to put units 5 and 6 of the Zaporizhzhia NPP into "cold reserve".

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna draws attention of IAEA Member States to the fact the Zaporizhzhia NPP is a Ukrainian nuclear facility, covered by the Agreement between Ukraine and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Since March 4, 2022 the Zaporizhzhia NPP is illegally occupied by the Russian armed forces together with the representatives of Rosatom.

The presence of Russian occupants at the Zaporizhzhia NPP prevents the operator and the Ukrainian authorities from fulfilling their nuclear and radiation safety obligations in accordance with international conventions and IAEA safety standards, and prevents the IAEA from fulfilling its safeguards mandate.

The occupation of the Zaporizhzhia NPP poses a great danger to its safe operation as stipulated in the IAEA seven indispensable pillars for nuclear safety and security.

The Ukrainian personnel of the Zaporizhzhia NPP continues to fulfil its obligations under the barrels of Russian guns.

The above-mentioned claims by the official of the Russian armed forces represent a gross violation of the IAEA's third pillar of nuclear safety and security, which is "The operating staff must be able to fulfil their respective safety and security duties and have the capacity to make decisions free of undue pressure".

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Implementation of this threat would increase the risk of a radiation disaster at the largest nuclear power plant in Europe.

Disconnection of the Zaporizhzhia NPP generators from the power system of Ukraine will inevitably lead to their inability to be used for own fuel cooling needs in the event of a power outage at the plant.

In addition, Russian occupants interfere in the process of managing the nuclear facility, which already poses a danger to the operation of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

Such actions of the Russian side are considered as an attempt to prevent the visit of the IAEA-led mission to the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as 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 International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna, 18 August 2022