

## Information Circular

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### Communication dated 15 November 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 15 November 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 information received from the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation about the situation at the Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) in light of the continuing attacks of the armed forces of Ukraine (AFU).

The AFU continue to attack the city of Energodar and its vicinity using artillery and mortars. From 3 to 10 November, 16 such attacks were carried out and an explosive device was dropped by an unmanned aerial vehicle. The ZNPP critical infrastructure facilities became hit-targets.

The Kiev regime does not leave attempts to forcefully cross the Kakhovskoe reservoir with its river born troops in order to create a bridgehead on the left bank of the said reservoir to capture the station. On November 4, the Russian duty units discovered two boats moving in the direction of the ZNPP and shooting with firearms. Vessels with the Ukrainian landing troops were hit by return fire of the ZNPP protecting forces.

In the light of ongoing attacks on the ZNPP and the vicinity territories, which are taking place since July, the President of the Russian Federation ordered to build additional protective structures at the site of the spent nuclear fuel (SNF) dry storage facility. At present, an additional protective wall is being constructed at the site of the said storage. Columns (racks) are being erected to install a protective floor.

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Canopies are being installed. After the construction of such a shelter, the risks of destroying open-air containers with spent nuclear fuel in the event of a direct hit by Ukrainian shells will be seriously reduced.

Representatives of the IAEA present at the ZNPP were informed about the start of these works back on October 14. They have all the necessary details in this regard and have access to all station facilities. The relevant information is confirmed by the IAEA Director General (a statement to this effect was posted on the Agency's official website on October 27).

Thus, the allegations spread by the Kiev regime, that the ongoing work at the ZNPP to build a protective wall around the SNF dry storage facility is detrimental to the nuclear safety and security of the facility represent disinformation and a gross distortion of facts. On the contrary, these actions are designed to strengthen the physical protection of the station from irresponsible attacks by the AFU, which can lead to a man-made disaster with unpredictable consequences.

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, “B” November 2022