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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 25 February 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 inform that at 17:00 on 24 February 2022, **the armed forces of the Russian Federation seized all nuclear facilities of the State Specialized Enterprise "Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant"**, located within the Exclusion Zone.

According to the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine, data from the automated radiation monitoring system of the exclusion zone at 5:00 CET 25 February 2022 indicated that the control levels of gamma radiation dose rate have been exceeded at a significant number of observation points.

The estimated reason of the indicated increasing of the dose rate is the partial disturbance of the upper ground level due to the **movement of significant number of heavy military machinery of the armed forces of the Russian Federation.**

Since seizure, all nuclear facilities of Ukraine in the Exclusion Zone **are under full control of the armed forces of the Russian Federation and beyond regulatory control of Ukraine.**

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna will keep the Secretariat duly informed.

Additionally, all relevant information will be shared by the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine through the IAEA Unified System for Information Exchange in Incidents and Emergencies (USIE) if the internet connection is available.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to 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, 25 February 2022



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