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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 5 March 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 in addition to its verbal notes 887-n dated 28 February 2022 and 900-n dated 1 March 2022 has the honour to transmit the following available information regarding the situation at the Zaporozhskaya NPP.

On February 28, the Russian Armed Forces took control of the city of Energodar, the Zaporozhskaya NPP and the territory adjacent to it.

In the following days intensive negotiations with the NPP management were held in order to transmit the control over the NPP to Russian Armed Forces in order to prevent Ukrainian nationalistic and other terrorist groups from misusing the situation and eliminate the threat of nuclear provocation. As a result, the plant facilities and the adjacent territory were taken under guard by Russian military personnel. For the security of the NPP and in order not to undermine the electricity supply to the Ukrainian people and European customers, the plant and the adjacent territory is now under the guard of Russian military personnel. Special forces that have necessary experience in maintaining the equipment of such facilities are being involved.

Regarding the events over the night of 4 March, which are widely discussed on authoritative international fora, the situation evolved as follows. While patrolling a protected area adjacent to the Zaporozhskaya nuclear power

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plant, a mobile patrol of the Russian Guard was attacked by Ukrainian military group. To provoke return fire on the building, heavy fire from small arms was opened at the servicemen of the Russian Guard from the windows of an educational and training complex located outside the power plant.

The firing points of Ukrainian soldiers in the building of the training complex were suppressed by the return fire of the Russian patrol from small arms. When leaving the building, the Ukrainian military group set the training building on fire.

The fire brigades that arrived at the building extinguished the fire. At the time of the provocation, none of the permanent employees of the power plant was in the training building.

Currently, the staff of ZNPP continues to work as usual, carries out maintenance of the NPP facilities and monitors the radioactive situation. The radioactive background in the area of the power plant is normal. All NPP facilities are under control of Russian military. The safety and security is maintained entirely, the plant continues to operate normally in accordance with the technological process.

The power units are all intact. Unit 1 is in outage for maintenance; units 2, 3 have been shut down by the NPP management; unit 4 is in operation at 690 MW power; units 5, 6 are being cooled down.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation urgently requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States before the regular session of the IAEA Board of Governors, which opens on March 7.

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, “” March 2022