

Information Circular

INFCIRC/983

Date: 28 March 2022

General Distribution

Original: English, Russian

Communication dated 25 March 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received Note Verbale No. 1178-n dated 25 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.

ПОСТОЯННОЕ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬСТВО
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
ПРИ МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫХ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯХ
В ВЕНЕ



PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN VIENNA

Erzherzog-Karl - Straße 182
A-1220 Wien

Tel. (043-1) 282 53 91, 282 53 93
Fax (043-1) 280 56 87

№ 1178-n

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 to false information that has appeared in several foreign mass media regarding the central analytical laboratory “Ecocentre” located in the city of Chernobyl, the Russian Federation states the following.

The specialists of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation and the National Guard of the Russian Federation have examined the status of the laboratory. They concluded that traces of destruction are visible in the premises of the laboratory. At the same time, there was no indication of breakdown or failure of equipment.

The fixed destructions in the laboratory “Ecocentre” have indications of staging and were deliberately caused by the Ukrainian side in its attempt of discrediting the Russian military forces.

The radiation safety audit of the building and the premises of “Ecocentre” was carried out. During this audit, the storage of radioactive sources was found on the ground floor of the building. There are no radioactive materials in other premises.

All radioactive sources in the storage were localized. The storage of radioactive sources and the building of “Ecocentre” were taken under protection

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
Vienna

of the Russian National Guard officers. There is no threat of their usage of such sources in illegal actions aimed against the local population or in acts of sabotage.

Radiation hazardous materials are located in the places of storage, the radiation background in the laboratory building does not exceed established limits. The physical protection of radioactive materials is duly ensured. There is no danger to the population of the city of Chernobyl.

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, “25” March 2022