

## Information Circular

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### Communication dated 28 March 2023 received from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 28 March 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale and its attachment are 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 attach herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine with regard to intents of the Russian Federation to deploy tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus.

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 Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

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*[Signature]* Vienna, 28 March 2023

**Secretariat**  
**International Atomic Energy Agency**  
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## **Statement of the MFA regarding intents of the RF to station tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus**

*26 March 2023*

The latest statement of the Russian Federation regarding its intents to station tactical nuclear weapons on the territory of Belarus is yet another provocative step by the Putin's criminal regime, that undermines basic principles of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the architecture of nuclear disarmament and the international security system as a whole.

Such intents cannot but cause particular concern for the entire international community as Russia delivers such statements under conditions of the continuation of its unprovoked aggressive war against Ukraine. Despite horrific crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by Kremlin as a part of its aggressive war against a sovereign nation, Russia demonstrates its failure to prevail on the battlefield.

Ukraine appeals to Belarusian society to prevent the fulfilment of the criminal purposes regarding the deployment of nuclear weapons on the territory of Belarus against its obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which will further turn this country into a hostage of the Kremlin and lead to catastrophic consequences for its future.

We appeal to the countries of the Group of Seven and the European Union to alert the Belarusian authorities about the far-reaching aftermath for Belarus if it agrees to accept tactical nuclear weapons from Russia on its territory.

Ukraine expects effective measures to counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail by the United Kingdom, China, the USA and France, in particular, as permanent members of the UN Security Council, which bear primary responsibility for preventing threats of aggression with the use of nuclear weapons. We demand to immediately convene an extraordinary meeting of the UN Security Council for this purpose.

Ukraine calls on all members of the world community to take a firm stance and strongly reject another nuclear provocation by the Putin's criminal regime and to take decisive measures to effectively deter and prevent any possible use of nuclear weapons by the aggressor state.

Russia once again confirms its chronic inability to be a responsible possessor of nuclear weapons as a means of deterrence and prevention of war, not as a tool of threats and intimidation. The world must unite against the one, who threatens the future of human civilization.