

Information Circular

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Communication dated 26 June 2023 received from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 26 June 2023 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 communicate the following.

Since the start of the Russian aggression against Ukraine in 2014 the world has spoken numerous times on the issue of the territorial integrity of Ukraine through relevant UNGA resolutions and other decisions based on international law.

In particular, on 27 March 2014 the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/68/262 "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine", which clearly stated that any Russia's aspirations referring sovereign Ukrainian territory do not have consequences to their legal status.

Russia's unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine in 2022 was condemned by the majority of countries from Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America in relevant UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/ES-11/1 adopted on 2 March 2022.

In its resolution A/RES/ES-11/6 adopted on 23 February 2023 the UN General Assembly reaffirmed once again its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters.

Secretariat International Atomic Energy Agency <u>Vienna</u> Ukraine welcomes firm and legally grounded position of the IAEA not to recognize any aspirations by russia to establish its jurisdiction over nuclear facilities of Ukraine in Crimea, officially expressed in the Statement by the Director of the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs at the Board of Governors meeting on 10 June 2015.

Ukraine also welcomes the reinforcement of this position clearly expressed by the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs at the Board of Governors meeting on 8 June 2023 in response to Russia's attempts to proclaim ownership over the Ukrainian Zaporizhzhia NPP.

Any attempts of the Russian Federation to extend its jurisdiction over the Ukrainian nuclear facilities are null and void.

As clearly outlined in the IAEA Annual Report for 2022, all facilities and nuclear material in Ukraine within internationally its recognized borders continue to be covered bv the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol thereto between Ukraine and the Agency. This position is never to be questioned.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate above mentioned Statement 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. *MA*



Vienna, 26 June 2023