

# Information Circular

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## Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 23 October 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale 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 draw attention to a further violation by the Russian Federation of nuclear safety standards at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

Despite the regulatory requirements of the national nuclear regulatory body, the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine (SNRIU), the occupation administration of the plant has transferred another power unit – Unit No. 5 - into a "hot shutdown" mode.

These actions of a member of the IAEA Board of Governors seriously violate the legislation on the use of nuclear energy, as well as the IAEA safety requirements.

In particular, license No. EO 001090 for the Right to Perform Activities at the Life Cycle Stage "Operation of a Nuclear Power Unit" of the Unit No. 5 of the Zaporizhzhia NPP requires that the power Unit No. 5 be operated only in "cold shutdown" mode.

In line with the Requirement 6 of the IAEA Specific Safety Requirements No. SSR-2/2 (Rev. 1) Safety of Nuclear Power Plants: Commissioning and Operation, the operating organization must ensure that the plant is operated in accordance with the established operational limits and conditions.

The Permanent Mission also wishes to draw attention to the working conditions of Ukrainian personnel at Zaporizhzhia NPP.

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The fundamental human rights and workers' rights of the Ukrainian personnel are frequently and repeatedly violated, and a number of Ukrainian workers are daily exposed to life-threatening occupational safety and health risks.

Mines placed on the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP pose a direct threat to the health and life of the Ukrainian personnel of the plant, who continue to work in inhumane conditions under Russian military occupation and are daily exposed to the most serious threats.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as an 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, 23 October 2023