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Communication from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. On 30 October 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale 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.

Unofficial Translation

ІЮСТОЯННОЕ ІІРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬСТВО РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ ІІРИ МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫХ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯХ В ВЕНЕ



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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 has the honour to inform that on October 26 the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant (KuNPP) was subject to three attacks by Ukraine's unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

The first attack was carried out at 20:25 outside of the checkpoint №2 of the KuNPP. Explosives loaded on the UAV did not detonate. The second UAV of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) was detected in the inside area of the security forces of the station and did not detonate either.

At 23:30 the third Ukrainian UAV exploded next to the spent fuel storage of the KuNPP. Damage was inflicted to the façade of the building. No casualties occurred. The investigation unit is working on the scene of the accident.

At the moment radiation background at the KuNPP does not exceed the established standards, however, there is a persisting threat to the nuclear and radiation safety due to the possibility of new attacks from the Kiev regime.

The AFU's attack against the spent fuel storage of the KuNPP, indeed, was a deliberate move. It creates a threat of radiological contamination that can have transborder consequences. Such actions once again prove that the sense of impunity, based on the backing from the West, only emboldens Ukraine to more dangerous steps. The responsibility for that lies not only on the Kiev regime, but also on those

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY Vienna countries that provide it with the above-mentioned support, as well as supply it with weapons. All of this amplifies the threat that the Ukrainian authorities pose for the entire humankind. We would like to underline that Russia is currently undertaking necessary efforts to neutralize this threat.

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, "*30*" October 2023