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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 9 April 2024, 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 communicate the following with grave concern.

On April 7, 2024, the Russian Federation launched a drone attack directly targeting the administrative building at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) while it is under its occupation. This blatant act of aggression follows immediately the IAEA Director General's statement on April 4, 2024, which highlighted observations of numerous outgoing artillery rounds fired from the vicinity of the ZNPP.

These actions by the Russian Federation constitute a clear violation of the Seven Indispensable Pillars of nuclear safety and security established by the IAEA. Furthermore, they directly contradict the Five principles for ZNPP protection outlined by Director General Grossi at the UN Security Council on May 30, 2023.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine brings to attention the disinformation campaign employed by the Russian Federation. This campaign, with a history of fabricating narratives like the "dirty bomb" in Ukraine, aims to shift blame away from their own reckless actions at the occupied ZNPP and conceal the presence of Russian troops and heavy weaponry illegally stationed at the facility.

The timing of this disinformation campaign is particularly concerning, as it comes at a time when:

- the international community is increasingly focused on the safety and security of the ZNPP;
- the IAEA team stationed at the ZNPP is requesting increased access to independently assess safety concerns, but Russia denies these requests;
- Russia is facing growing criticism for its war in Ukraine.

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The Russian drone attack, coupled with previous incidents of artillery fire and the ongoing military occupation, all contribute to the technical degradation of the ZNPP's equipment and systems. This degradation significantly increases the risk of a nuclear accident at the facility.

Further aggravation of the situation at and around ZNPP needs to meet robust response from the international community, including more proactive actions by the IAEA and its Member States to ensure implementation of the IAEA General Conference and Board of Governments resolutions "Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine" without delay.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine reiterates that without demilitarization and withdrawal of the Russian troops and other illegally present personnel from the ZNPP and its vicinity, any initiative to restore nuclear safety and security is bound to fail.

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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