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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 16 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.

Ukraine is deeply concerned about Russia's military activities in close proximity to the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP). In particular, the ISAMZ mission's observation of outgoing artillery and machine gun fire in close proximity of the ZNPP perimeter raises serious concern about the security of the Ukrainian nuclear site.

Since 15 March 2024, reports from the IAEA Director General on the use of artillery systems and automatic weapons have become regular. Deployment of military units actively participating in hostilities against Ukraine, the presence of Russian weapons and ammunition in the turbine hall of the ZNPP and on the territory of a peaceful Ukrainian nuclear facility pose additional threats to nuclear safety and security at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

The Russian Federation has gradually turned the ZNPP into a fortified military facility and is using it as a cover for military activities, in flagrant violation not only of Article 56 of the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, but also of principles 1 and 5, announced by the IAEA Director General at the United Nations Security Council meeting on 30 May 2023.

Shelling from the territory adjacent to the ZNPP repeatedly led to damage to both the main and backup power supply lines of the occupied ZNPP, which, in turn, put the plant on the edge of blackout. Military activity and the use of artillery may also lead to the detonation of Russian mines and explosive devices placed on the ZNPP site.

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

Vienna, 16 April 2024

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