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

1. On 6 February 2025, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale, together with an attachment, from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency.
2. As requested, the Note Verbale and its attachment are herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.

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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 convey the answer of the official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation M.Zakharova to a question of media representatives with regard to the cancellation of the rotation of the IAEA Secretariat experts at Zaporozhskaya NPP that was planned to take place on 5 February 2025.

The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the Secretariat could to circulate this material 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.

Attachment: 1 p.

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THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
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The response of the official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Maria Zakharova to a media question regarding the cancellation of rotation of the IAEA Secretariat experts at Zaporozhskaya NPP

Question: Today it was reported that the planned rotation of experts of the IAEA Secretariat at Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) scheduled for February 5 did not take place. In Kiev, they immediately tried to inflate anti-Russian hysteria out of this. What really happened?

Answer: The real situation is as follows. The Russian Federation provided security assurances in advance to specialists of the Agency's Secretariat and accompanying persons with a description of the specific rotation scheme. However, less than two days before it began, the IAEA Secretariat proposed to change the previously agreed and repeatedly used procedure for crossing the line of military contact.

In view of the fact that the conditions proposed by the Secretariat created unacceptably high risks both for the Agency's representatives and for Russian military personnel ensuring their safety, as well as taking into account the previous provocations on the part of Ukraine during the shifts of IAEA personnel at the ZNPP, the Secretariat was informed of our readiness to conduct rotation according to the previously agreed scheme. However, representatives of the IAEA Secretariat on the morning of February 5 notified the Russian authorized personnel about the cancellation of rotation.

The Russian Federation will continue to work with the IAEA leadership to ensure the safe and secure stay and work of Agency representatives at the plant.