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

1. On 13 February 2025, 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.

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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 request to circulate among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible the information on the failure of rotation of the Agency's experts at the Russian nuclear facility – Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) – and on another provocation of Ukraine against this plant.

The regular rotation of the IAEA Secretariat experts at ZNPP that, due to the fault of Ukraine, was postponed from 5 to 12 February 2025 didn't take place once again. Provocative actions of the Ukrainians were the reason one more time. They refused to let the Agency's experts awaiting to replace their colleagues at ZNPP from the beginning of February 2025 pass through.

The Russian Federation fully ensured preparation for conduct of the rotation: provided the security assurances to the Agency's specialists and accompanying persons, as well as the description of exact scheme of movement; conducted necessary engineering and technical works; sent a group to the agreed handover point to meet the IAEA experts. In the morning of 12 February, the rotation started as planned but then the movement of the Agency's representatives was suddenly stopped by the armed forces of Ukraine.

Russian military officers were waiting for the IAEA Secretariat experts at the agreed spot for several hours, under the strikes of Ukrainian UAVs and under the

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threat of shelling, but the Agency's specialists didn't appear. Due to the fact that the situation in the area was deteriorating, and unacceptably high risks both for Russian military officers and for the Secretariat's experts (in case of their arrival) were being created, a decision was taken to recall the Russian group of rotation support. On its way back, the vehicle column that contained Russian military officers and the IAEA Secretariat experts that had planned to leave ZNPP was attacked by Ukrainian UAVs and mortar fire.

At the same time, Kiev regime made another attempt to attack ZNPP with the use of UAVs. The distance from the place of fall of one of Ukrainian UAVs to the first power unit of the plant was no more than 300 meters.

By its actions, Ukraine once again demonstrated its terrorist nature and inability to sustain any agreements. The Russian Federation will continue to work with the IAEA leadership in order to ensure safe and secure stay and work of the Agency's representatives at ZNPP. We will also take every effort to neutralize the threats to the plant's functioning that are coming from Ukraine.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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