

STATEMENT

REPUBLIC OF POLAND

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Mister / Madame President, Mr. Director General, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I congratulate His Excellency Ambassador Allesandro CORTESE on his election to the honorable function of the President of the sixty sixth session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. I assure you of Poland's full support and co-operation.

Mister President,
Mr Director General,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

If it was a normal, general conference I would tell you what are our plans to develop nuclear power plants in Poland and that in 2033 first reactor will start its operations and by 2043 - 6 reactors will provide up to 15% of all of our energy demand.

If it was a normal conference I would tell you how important is the Agency's technical cooperation and programmes.

But it is NOT a normal conference. When we are sitting here and discussing, there is a 6 reactor power plant the biggest in Europe in Zaporozhe in Ukraine which is occupied by Russian troops and Rosatom officials. They invaded Ukraine and invaded the plant. The director general and his staff visited the Site. There is no doubt and the report from the mission clearly indicates that all

7 pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security during the Russian invasion have been and still are severely violated. Russian artillery is shelling the Zaporozhe facilities. Chernobyl nuclear analytical laboratories were looted. South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant is also at grave danger. Zaporozhe Ukrainian personnel is being terrorised. The plants and all nuclear facilities must be fully and immediately demilitarised and DERUCIFIED meaning no Russian troops, no Rosatom officials, no Russian citizens in any nuclear power plant in Ukraine. Zaporozhe plant must be fully operational and 100% connected to Ukrainian system. Any Russian attempt to steal energy from Ukraine must be strongly condemned. International Atomic Energy is a strong organisation. Together we are strong then each of us individually.

Let's come together and force Russian Federation to leave all Ukrainian nuclear power plants immediately. If they don't follow the Law lets suspend them. If this step does not work, let's kick them out from this reputable organisation.

The Agency is about safety and security of nuclear technologies.

This organisation is about Freedom and solidarity. It's our great exam now, the test of credibility. History will judge us. It's time to act now.

Thank you for your attention!