

STATEMENT
of the Head of the Delegation of Ukraine
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Madam/Mr. President,

Let me congratulate you on your election as President of the 66th session of the IAEA General Conference.

The Ukrainian delegation wishes you good luck and is ready for constructive work under your leadership.

I would like to express my country's gratitude to the Director General Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, who has shown outstanding leadership during this difficult year.

Madam/Mr. President,

For the first time in the history of mankind, a country using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, operating 15 NPP units, faced a military seizure and occupation of nuclear facilities - the largest in Europe Zaporizhzhya NPP and exclusion zone with the Confinement located over Chornobyl Unit 4, where the largest man-made accident in history occurred.

The Russian Federation is a state that seized by military means and occupied peaceful nuclear facilities in Ukraine.

The Russian Federation is a nuclear state, Russian Federation is a permanent member of the UN Security Council, Russian Federation is a nuclear terrorist state that in 2022 carried out an unprovoked full-scale invasion of an independent state and occupied Zaporizhzhya NPP and Chornobyl NPP.

The Russian Federation is the only state in the world that shells facilities at the ZNPP site, in the immediate vicinity of six nuclear reactors and spent nuclear fuel storage facility with heavy weapons.

The Russian Federation is a country that shells ZNPP satellite city Enerhodar, with civilians, including ZNPP personnel families, shells other Ukrainian cities from the ZNPP site.

The Russian Federation is a state that terrorizes and tortures NPP employees. NPP personnel is working under tremendous psychological pressure.

russia is a state that launches cruise missiles over NPP sites ignoring the no-fly zone around nuclear power plants.

Heavy weapons and ammunition of the russian federation are located directly in the turbine hall of ZNPP-1 and 2...

I can go on listing the acts of russian nuclear terrorism at Ukraine's nuclear facilities, including shelling the neutron source for a long time... however, I want to appeal to the world community and IAEA:

Because of russia's actions, the whole world is now on the brink of a nuclear disaster, whose consequences will be global and it is still impossible to predict them. The spread of an emergency release in the event of such a disaster, depending on the directions of air mass transfer, may enter the territory of other countries.

Therefore, dear **Madam/Mr. President**, dear colleagues, I urge you not to be indifferent and not to expect that the consequences of a possible nuclear accident will bypass your countries and use all your levers of influence to stop the country occupying the nuclear power plant in its terrorist activities.

I want to personally thank IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi for organizing and leading missions to the Chornobyl and Zaporizhzhya NPPs.

The reports developed upon the mission results became indisputable evidence of the crimes of the russian army in the occupied territories and became their documentary confirmation for the world community.

However, the report on the results of the mission to ZNPP has not yet brought us closer to solving the main issues: cessation of shelling nuclear facilities, demilitarization and de-occupation of ZNPP.

The total withdrawal of the russian occupation troops and representatives of rosatom from the territory of ZNPP should be the main task and goal of this mission.

Ukraine highly appreciates the adoption of Resolution GOV/2022/58 on 15 September 2022 entitled "The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine" by the IAEA Board of Governors. Ukraine strongly supports the call to russia to immediately stop all actions against and related to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and any other nuclear facility in Ukraine, in order to re-establish full control over all nuclear facilities by the Ukrainian competent bodies within the internationally recognized borders of Ukraine, including the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, for

their safe and secure operation, as well as for the full and safe implementation by the Agency of its activities in accordance with the Agreement between Ukraine and the IAEA for the application of safeguards in connection with the non-proliferation treaty and the Agency Statute.

And after the adoption of this Resolution, on 19 September at 00:20, russia attacked another Ukrainian nuclear power plant, Pivdenoukrainsk plant, with a cruise missile. The missile fell 300 meters from the nuclear reactors.

Madam/Mr. President,

Allow me, on behalf of Ukraine, to thank the partner countries that have already provided and will provide equipment for Ukrainian organizations in the near future within the framework of RANET. This equipment is needed for restoring the capabilities of organizations that suffered from occupation by russian troops and will be used to overcome the negative consequences for nuclear and radiation safety caused by military actions on the territory of Ukraine.

We highly appreciate the IAEA efforts and coordinating role in this process.

In addition, I would like to thank IAEA for the international technical assistance that is planned to be provided to Ukraine in the near future.

Let me emphasize that my country remains fully committed to its obligations under the non-proliferation treaty in general and in particular under the Agreement on comprehensive safeguards and Additional Protocol to the Agreement, even in the wartime.

And finally. If we do not stop russia now, we will further remain hostages of the nuclear terrorist country, and nobody knows what nuclear power plant (in what country) is going to be the next target.