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Item 6 of the agenda  
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# The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine

## Resolution adopted on 17 November during the 1655th session

The Board of Governors,

- (a) Reaffirming the 2009 General Conference unanimous decision GC (53)/DEC/13, which recognised the importance attached to safety, security and physical protection of nuclear material and nuclear facilities, and noting General Conference resolutions GC(XXIX)/RES/444 and GC(XXXIV)/RES/533 regarding attacks against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes,
- (b) Reaffirming resolutions GOV/2022/17 and GOV/2022/58 entitled “The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine” adopted by the Board of Governors on 3 March 2022 and 15 September 2022 respectively,
- (c) Recalling resolution A/RES/ES-11/4 adopted by the UN General Assembly on 12 October 2022 and welcoming the Director General’s confirmation that the Agency is acting in accordance with this resolution and does not recognize any altered status of any part of Ukraine,
- (d) Noting the Director General’s statements since 24 February 2022 and his First and Second Summary Reports on Nuclear Safety, Security, and Safeguards in Ukraine of 28 April and 6 September; and welcoming the Director General’s expert mission to South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant, the DG-led Agency expert mission to the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant, and the DG-led IAEA Support and Assistance Mission to Zaporizhzhya (ISAMZ),
- (e) Noting with serious concern the Director General’s report GOV/2022/66 (10 November 2022) which described the situation at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant as “dangerous, precarious, and challenging” including as a result of the “relentless levels of stress and pressure” on operating staff due to Russia’s attempts to take control of the facility as well as the repeated disruption of off-site power supply due to shelling and military activity following Russia’s seizure of the plant, and further underlining the Director General assessment that his ‘seven indispensable pillars for nuclear safety and security’ have been compromised at the site at all times,

- (f) Supporting the Director General's efforts to establish a nuclear safety and security protection zone around the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant, and
- (g) Welcoming the Director General's assessment that the Agency has found no indications of undeclared nuclear activities or materials related to the development of radiological dispersal devices ("dirty bombs") at three locations in Ukraine, following complementary accesses conducted at the request of Ukraine, in accordance with Ukraine's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol, in response to allegations made by the Russian Federation thereby showing these allegations to be unfounded,
1. Expresses grave concern that the Russian Federation has not heeded the calls of the Board to immediately cease all actions against and at nuclear facilities in Ukraine and requests that the Russian Federation do so immediately;
  2. Deplores and does not recognize, consistent with resolution A/RES/ES-11/4 adopted by the UN General Assembly on 12 October, the Russian Federation's attempts to take ownership of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant and its attempted illegal annexation of the Ukrainian territory on which the plant is located and calls upon the Russian Federation to immediately abandon its baseless claims of ownership of the plant;
  3. Expresses grave concern with the unacceptable pressure on and detentions of Ukrainian operating personnel at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant and repeated disruption of external power supply following shelling in the surrounding area, which pose serious and direct threats to the safety and security of the facility and its civilian personnel, thereby significantly raising the risk of a nuclear accident or incident, which endangers the population of Ukraine, neighbouring States and the international community;
  4. Calls upon the Russian Federation to immediately withdraw its military and other personnel from the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant, in order for the competent Ukrainian authorities to regain full control of the plant to ensure its safe and secure operation, and in order for the Agency to fully and safely conduct its safeguards verification activities, in accordance with Ukraine's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, entered into pursuant to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Statute, and the Additional Protocol thereto;
  5. Supports the Director General's and Secretariat's ongoing efforts to address the nuclear safety, security, and safeguards implications of the current situation in Ukraine, including through the ISAMZ and the continued physical presence of Agency technical experts at Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant and other nuclear facilities in Ukraine;
  6. Emphasizes the importance of nuclear safety and security regarding peaceful nuclear facilities and materials in all circumstances, including in armed conflict, and of the IAEA Director General's 'seven indispensable pillars on nuclear safety and security' derived from IAEA safety standards and nuclear security guidance;
  7. Encourages Member States to respond to assistance requests from Ukraine, including through the provision of necessary equipment through the Agency or on a bilateral basis; and
  8. Requests that the Director General continue to closely monitor the situation and regularly report formally to the Board on these matters as long as required.