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# Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine

## Resolution adopted on 20 September 2024 during the tenth plenary meeting

### The General Conference,<sup>1</sup>

- (a) Recalling the previous Board of Governors and General Conference discussions under the agenda item *Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine*, including resolutions GOV/2022/17, GOV/2022/58, GOV/2022/71 and GOV/2024/18, adopted by the Board of Governors on 3 March 2022, 15 September 2022, 17 November 2022 and 7 March 2024 respectively, and GC(67)/RES/16 adopted by the General Conference on 28 September 2023,
- (b) Expressing grave concern that the Russian Federation has not heeded the previous calls of the Board of Governors to immediately cease all actions against and at nuclear facilities in Ukraine and to withdraw its military and other personnel from Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP),
- (c) Taking note of resolution A/RES/78/316 entitled *Safety and security of nuclear facilities of Ukraine, including the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant* adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 11 July 2024,
- (d) Taking note of the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, held on 15–16 June 2024, where it was emphasized that Ukrainian nuclear power plants and installations, including ZNPP, must operate safely and securely under full sovereign control of Ukraine,
- (e) Emphasizing the importance of nuclear safety and security regarding peaceful nuclear facilities and materials in all circumstances, including in armed conflict, and the importance of all parties fully respecting the IAEA Director General's 'seven indispensable pillars for nuclear safety and security during an armed conflict' derived from IAEA safety standards and nuclear security guidance,

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<sup>1</sup> The resolution was adopted with 65 in favour, 8 against and 43 abstentions

(f) Noting the Director General's statements on the situation in Ukraine since 24 February 2022 and his latest report on Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards in Ukraine contained in GOV/2024/45, including his confirmation that the Agency complies with resolution A/RES/ES-11/4 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 12 October 2022, and noting with serious concern that the situation at the ZNPP "continues to be precarious" with all of the Director General's seven indispensable pillars for nuclear safety and security being "compromised either fully or partially" as well as the overall risk to nuclear safety and security posed by attacks on energy infrastructure throughout Ukraine, and

(g) Recalling the importance of the Director General's five concrete principles for nuclear safety and security at ZNPP as announced at the United Nations Security Council on 30 May 2023 and stressing that all parties must implement these principles in full respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine,

1. Reaffirms that Ukrainian nuclear power plants and installations, including ZNPP must operate safely and securely under full sovereign control of Ukraine;
2. Calls for the urgent withdrawal of all unauthorized military and other personnel from Ukraine's ZNPP and for the plant to be immediately returned to the full control of the competent Ukrainian authorities to ensure its safety and security and in order for the Agency to conduct safe, efficient, and effective safeguards implementation, in accordance with Ukraine's comprehensive safeguards agreement and additional protocol;
3. Welcomes with appreciation the continued efforts of the Director General and IAEA Secretariat to address nuclear safety and security risks in Ukraine; fully supports the continued on-site presence of the IAEA Support and Assistance Mission to Zaporizhzhia (ISAMZ); and requests that the Director General continue to regularly report on the situation at the ZNPP, including on the observance of the aforementioned five principles for nuclear safety and security;
4. Calls upon the Russian Federation, until it returns Ukraine's ZNPP to the full control of the competent Ukrainian authorities, to provide ISAMZ with unrestricted and timely access to and from all relevant locations at and around the ZNPP and open information sharing in order to allow the IAEA to fully report on the nuclear safety and security situation at the site and to undertake vital safeguards activities;
5. Fully supports the Agency's continued provision, upon request, of technical support and assistance to Ukraine to help ensure the safe and secure operation of nuclear facilities and activities involving radioactive sources, including the continued physical presence of IAEA technical experts at the Chernobyl, Rivne, Khmelnytsky, and South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plants;
6. Encourages Member States to continue to offer political, financial, and in-kind support to the IAEA comprehensive programme of technical support and assistance to Ukraine, including through the provision of necessary nuclear safety and security equipment as requested by Ukraine;
7. Decides to remain seized of the matter and to include the item "Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards in Ukraine" in the agenda for its sixty-ninth (2025) regular session; and
8. Requests that the Director General continue to report to Member States on Agency activities in Ukraine.