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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 15 July 2022 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 transmit the following.

On July 12, 2022, Ukrainian armed formations, using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), struck two 120-mm mines at buildings located in immediate vicinity to the Zaporozhskaya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP). This is not the first time that the Kiev regime used UAVs near a nuclear power plant: in the end of April 2022, in the same area, two Polish-made combat aircraft systems with ready-to-use ammunition launched by Ukrainian side were shot down by Russian air defense systems. The fragments of one of them fell just a few hundred meters from the ZNPP.

By such actions, Ukraine endangers the regime of nuclear safety and security on its own territory, which is completely unacceptable given the importance of nuclear infrastructure.

We also draw your attention to the fact that due to the fault of the Ukrainian provider, the ZNPP regularly experiences Internet connection disruptions, which prevents the transfer of data to the IAEA in order to enable uninterrupted monitoring of the state of the plant. The Russian side, in good faith, provided the necessary assistance in resolving this issue, but there are no changes for the better. A similar problem with communications, as far as we know, exists at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, which is currently completely under the control of the Ukrainian side.

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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible.

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

Vienna, "15" July 2022