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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 8 August 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.

Notwithstanding international norms and calls to immediately cease criminal provocations aimed at Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP), the Kiev regime keeps on threatening the security of this plant, its infrastructure and personnel, and, thus, creating preconditions for a massive technological disaster.

On 5-6 August the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) once again attacked ZNPP by striking artillery attacks to the critically important infrastructural objects of the plant and the city of Energodar. Twenty shells have been fired during the strikes.

On 5 August, at 14:45, the Ukrainian shelling (3 shells hit in the proximity of the training centre next to the territory of the open switchgear) resulted in shutdown of the autotransformer and the high voltage line providing backup power to the Units №1 and №2. At the Unit №3, de-energizing of a normal power section led to the launch of the second channel of the safety system and the diesel-generator №2.

On 5 August, at 16:45, the Ukrainian side committed an artillery shelling (4 shells) of oil and fuel oil handling equipment and the site of hydrogen receivers. Damage of the pipeline caused jet fire that was localized due to timely and professional actions of ZNPP personnel and Russian military. Backup power (diesel-generators) was launched providing the safety of operating units of the

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plant. By sheer luck, the Ukrainian shells didn't hit the very hydrogen receivers or the nitrogen-oxygen station located in the proximity of the shelled area, thus, eluding a more serious fire and possible radiation accident at the biggest NPP in Europe.

On 6 August, at 19:42, the AFU units attacked ZNPP once again. Three artillery shells of 155 millimeters caliber exploded next to the spent fuel storage and only 200 meters from the operating unit. One person was injured.

Attacks against ZNPP have become "a business card" of the Kiev regime. According to available information, the Ukrainian authorities flatter themselves with hope for "jewelry work" of their artillerists who allegedly hit "exclusively accumulations of manpower without any damage to infrastructure". Such mindsets not only do not withstand any criticism but also go beyond good and evil demonstrating that the Zelenskiy regime has absolutely lost the ability of sound and rational thinking.

We perceive the actions of the Ukrainian side as an act of nuclear terrorism. We possess information that proves planning by Ukraine of other scenarios to create intentional preconditions for a nuclear accident at ZNPP. Inter alia, they presuppose different options for cutting the plant off from the Ukrainian power grid: issuance of orders by the dispatch centre of Zaporozhskaya oblast to disconnect from overcurrent substations and shutdown of ZNPP; termination of supplies of natural gas at «DTEK «Zaporozhskaya TES» that provides backup power for the plant's own needs, introduction of dispatch limitations for supply of the plant's generated power into power grid of Ukraine, etc.

We are convinced that all these actions of Kiev would have been impossible if its Western patrons had not supported such actions. It is revealing that the governments of the Western countries continue jeopardizing safety of their citizens for the sake of provocations from the Ukrainian side. In case of an accident at ZNPP, the radiation contamination zone (more than 5300 square kilometers, length around 420 km) would cover the population of Kievskaya, Zaporozhskaya,

Kharkovskaya, Poltavskaya, Khersonskaya, Odesskaya, Nikolaevskaya, Kirovogradskaya, Vinnitskaya oblasts, Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, border areas of Russia and Belarus, as well as Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania. The situation could get worse because of adverse weather conditions and spread of possible contamination zone to South-Ukrainian NPP and the nuclear fuel storage at Chernobyl NPP, as well as water arteries. The Black Sea and the Bosphorus Strait would become unsuitable for navigation for a long time. The shores of Abkhazia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania and Türkiye would be contaminated with high levels of radiation.

The Russian side documents the results of ZNPP objects destruction caused by the AFU on a regular basis. We possess necessary evidence in this regard, inter alia, photo and video materials including of attacks of the station by Kiev regime on 5 and 6 August.

Currently, the radiation situation at ZNPP and in the surrounding area is staying normal. Access of ZNPP personnel to the equipment requiring repair is provided in accordance with their specialization and authorization level. Provision of spare parts is ensured according to needs.

At the same time, we keep noting increasing number of cases of "psychological pressure" by the Ukrainian side on ZNPP personnel. Representatives of law-enforcement agencies of Ukraine regularly make phone calls to ZNPP employees and their relatives making threats of criminal proceedings in case of providing assistance to the Russian side or accepting the Russian citizenship. We have noted numerous cases when Ukraine stopped paying wages and fired ZNPP employees who had taken part in ceremonial events on the occasion of the Victory Day on 9 May.

Once again, we urge the UN and the IAEA, as well as countries that have influence on the Kiev regime to do everything possible to ensure immediate cessation of shellings of ZNPP by the Ukrainian side, before they resulted in devastating consequences for the whole mankind.

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.

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