Communication dated 21 September 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 21 September 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency.

2. As requested, the Note Verbale is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.
The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 20 September 2022, at 4:00 p.m. EET, as a result of the shelling of the Zaporizhzhia NPP by the Russian armed forces the essential service water pipeline of the first channel of safety system at unit No. 5 was damaged. Repair works are currently in progress.

On 21 September 2022, at 1:13 a.m. EET, as a result of yet another shelling of the Zaporizhzhia NPP by the Russian armed forces the connecting equipment of unit No. 6 with the plant's open switchyard was damaged. The attack caused the disconnection of unit transformer and house load transformers. The loss of power actuated two emergency diesel generators of the safety systems to ensure cooling of the nuclear fuel from pumps.

On the same day at 02:00 a.m. EET, the Zaporizhzhia NPP staff managed to restore power supply to unit No. 6 from the bus system of other power units of the plant. The diesel generators of the power unit were turned off and put into a standby mode.

These actions prove complete disregard by the Russian Federation of the IAEA Board of Governors resolutions GOV/2022/17 of 3 March 2022 and GOV/2022/58 of 15 September 2022 both entitled “The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine” as well as constitute a grave violation of the IAEA General Conference unanimous decision GC(53)DEC/13 of 2009 stating that “any armed attack on and threat against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter, international law and the Statute of the Agency”.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as Information Circular to all IAEA Member States.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 21 September 2022