Communication dated 29 September 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 29 September 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.
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 information received from the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation about the situation at the Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) in light of the continuing attacks of armed forces of Ukraine (AFU).

The physical protection of the ZNPP, its security and defense are provided by the forces of the Russian Guard. ZNPP personnel operate the plant in the normal mode. Representatives of the State Atomic Energy Corporation "Rosatom" control technological processes and provide assistance to the plant personnel in taking urgent measures in the event of a critical development of the situation.

In total, from September 18 to September 21, 2022, Ukrainian nationalist formations inflicted 10 strikes on ZNPP facilities by unmanned aerial vehicles, carried out 28 artillery shellings (66 shells of 155 mm caliber, 1 shell of 152 mm caliber) and 1 attack was carried out using ammunition from the "Uragan" multiple launch rocket system with cassette munition.

On September 2, 2022, the last working HVL "Dniprovskaia", which provided energy from the Ukrainian energy system, was disabled due to shelling. On September 17, 2022, after repair and restoration work, the power supply to ZNPP was restored.

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On September 11, 2022, the Ukrainian plant operator “Energoatom” decided to shut down the last operating reactor of the sixth power units due to the inability to transfer electricity to consumers. As of September 22, 2022, all six nuclear reactors of the station are shut down, and electricity is not generated. The supply of electricity to ensure the safe operation of the station is produced from the Zaporizhzhskaya TPP.

The shelling of the city of Energodar, where the personnel of the nuclear power plant lives, does not stop. From September 5 to September 22, 2022, Ukrainian nationalists inflicted 10 strikes on the city and the territory adjacent to it, in total 105 shells were fired. Shelling has increased over the past week. Since September 17, 2022, 6 strikes have been carried out against the city, 67 shells have been fired, the city has been attacked by unmanned aerial vehicles 2 times.

According to the available operational information, the intensification of AFU attacks against nuclear facility and attempts to capture the city of Energodar are not excluded.

Current situation creates social tension among the station personnel and the population of Energodar. Thus, Kiev tried to disrupt the process of restoring peaceful life in the liberated territories, including preventing the holding of the referendum on September 23-27, 2022 on the entry of the Luhanskaya People's Republic, the Donetskaya People's Republic, Khersonskaya and Zaporozhskaya regions into the Russian Federation.

The Russian side maintains the functioning of the logistics chain for the supply of spare parts, equipment and diesel fuel to ZNPP. On September 19, 2022 the divisions of the National Guard ensured the safe delivery of 29 spare parts and consumables for the repair and maintenance of the station equipment, as well as 160 tons of fuel for emergency diesel generators from Zaporozhye.

From September 1, 2022, the safe work of two IAEA representatives at the station is ensured. The presence of international inspectors at ZNPP made it possible to reduce the intensity of strikes inflicted by the Ukrainian side on the territory of
the plant. During the work, the inspectors checked the turbine hall and technical rooms of all six power units, examined the damage to the buildings and structures of the station caused by the AFU attacks, and also held conversations with the administration and residents of the city of Enerгодар. The relevant information was promptly brought to the attention of the IAEA management.

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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