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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 28 October 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.



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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 October 14, 2022, the Russian occupants at the Zaporizhzhia NPP began construction of an unknown structure on the site of the dry storage facility for spent nuclear fuel. At the same time, the Russian armed forces and representatives of Rosatom do not allow Ukrainian personnel to visit the construction site.

The construction of any structures, contrary to the project of the dry storage facility for spent nuclear fuel, approved and implemented in accordance with the requirements of the legislation of Ukraine, is an uncontrolled illegal interference by Russia in the project of the nuclear installation of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

Such actions are a gross violation of the terms of the license for operating the NPP as well as international requirements, in particular in the context of the implementation of the Agreement Between Ukraine and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Moreover, such actions are taking place against the background of statements by representatives of the Russian authorities about the alleged preparation of a "dirty bomb" by Ukraine, for which, as the Russian Federation claims, nuclear fuel and radioactive waste stored, in particular, at the sites of the Ukrainian nuclear power plants, can be used.

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Along with such statements, the so-called Russian media published a map of the potential spread of the radiation cloud with the epicentre at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

Therefore, the construction by the Russian occupants of the mentioned structures may indicate their possible preparation of a provocation against Ukraine, namely the implementation of a terrorist act using nuclear materials stored at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

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, 28 October 2022