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1. The Secretariat has received Note Verbale No. 1179-n dated 25 March 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 in relation to the situation with Russian nuclear specialists taken hostage in Ukraine has the honour to transmit the following.

The special cargo delivered to Rovenskaya NPP was accompanied by employees of one of the enterprises of the Russian nuclear industry – JSC “Atomspetstrans”, as indicated in the information circular distributed by the IAEA Secretariat on March 23 (INFCIRC/981).

As we previously informed the IAEA, the tasks of the employees of JSC “Atomspetstrans” were to service a special railway carriage and escort cargo, including ensuring its handover to the customer and preparation of transfer documents. The task of protecting the cargo was not included in the duties of the escorts. Russia-Ukraine Intergovernmental Agreement on cooperation in the field of transportation of nuclear materials of April 12, 1996 expressly provides that “protection of special cargoes is carried out on the territory of the Russian Federation by Russian armed guards, and on the territory of Ukraine – by Ukrainian armed guards.”

The railway carriage arrived at its destination on February 23 and was supposed to be unloaded till March 16.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
Vienna

In connection with the information by the SE NNEGC “Energoatom” that the Russian specialists left the territory, accompanied by Ukraine’s security service (SBU) officers, we inform that, as of March 25, the detained employees of JSC “Atomspetstrans” were not released.

On March 25, the official Telegram channel of SE NNEGC “Energoatom” published a video with the statements of four ROSATOM employees, where they incoherently read a text of anti-Russian content. Obviously, the Russian specialists were speaking under the strongest pressure and, moreover, there are definitely traces of video editing, while the text has been apparently prepared by the Ukrainians.

Despite everything we have seen, we will not change our attitude towards our comrades and will not leave them in trouble. We demand from the Ukrainian authorities the immediate and safe return of our employees to their Motherland.

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, “25” March 2022