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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 7 March 2023 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 honor to convey the following.

The situation around the Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) remains tense. Attempts by unmanned aerial vehicles of the armed forces of Ukraine (AFU) to penetrate the protected zone are regularly recorded. The Ukrainian side repeatedly shells the city of Energodar, where the ZNPP staff and members of their families live, as well as the adjacent industrial zone.

On February 3, 2023, a terrorist attack took place in the city of Energodar. The car of an employee of the department on countering drug trafficking of the city police was blown up. He died at the scene.

In order to ensure safety and security of the ZNPP, work continues to restore and improve the complex of engineering and technical means of protecting the plant, which was partially destroyed by the AFU during their retreat. Construction and installation work has been completed on the building of a protective structure at the open site of the spent nuclear fuel (SNF) dry storage facility, which was exposed to the shelling by the AFU. Its construction seriously reduced the risks of SNF containers destruction, which could result from such shelling. The configuration and dimensions of the SNF dry storage facility site remained the same. The IAEA

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experts permanently located at the ZNPP site are informed about the technical details of the protective structure and have access to it.

The Russian side is doing everything necessary to ensure the conditions for the safe and secure operation of the ZNPP: the required routine maintenance is being carried out, fuel is being supplied for emergency diesel generators and equipment for the operation of the plant.

Radiation background at the ZNPP site and beyond does not exceed the established limits.

Restoration work continues at the Zaporozhskaya Thermal Power Plant (ZTPP), a source of electricity for the ZNPP's own needs. At the moment, the contracting organization with the participation of specialists from organizations of the State Atomic Energy Corporation "Rosatom" has completed the dismantling of the failed electrical equipment of the cells of the open 330 kV switchgears "Melitopolskaya", "Kakhovskaya" and "Molochanskaya". Restoration of the open switchgear of the ZTPP will allow to ensure the power supply of ZNPP from the energy system of the Russian Federation.

ZNPP employees sign labor contracts with the JSC "Zaporozhskaya NPP Operating Organization" solely on a voluntary basis without any coercion. Statements by Ukrainian representatives to the contrary are just one of the elements of informational pressure campaign aimed at destabilizing the situation inside and around the ZNPP. As of February 27, 2023, the number of employment applications submitted is 2915, the number of signed labor contracts is 2894.

Despite the fact that the Russian side each time provided all, including additional, security guarantees, the arrival of a new shift of IAEA experts at ZNPP was postponed three times (on 7 February, 10 February and 18 February 2023) at the initiative of the UN Department of Safety and Security without due explanation of the reasons. Only on March 2, 2023 – with a delay of almost a month – did the rotation of IAEA experts at the ZNPP take place. The Russian military provided the most active assistance in this matter.

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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