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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 27 April 2023 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 information about the actions of the Russian occupiers at the Ukrainian Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant during the period from 21 March to 20 April 2023.

The 330 kV "Ferosplavna 1" back-up transmission line of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, damaged on 1 March 2023, still remains disconnected. Russian military actions prevent Ukrainian specialists from gaining access to the specified line for repair work.

For more than seven weeks, the ZNPP receives electricity from only one main external power transmission line - 750 kV "Dniprovsk". Damage to the latter will lead to a complete loss of external power supply to the ZNPP.

Rosatom and Russian armed forces personnel continue to check and interrogate Ukrainian employees of the ZNPP. On 6 April 2023, the occupiers broke into one of the premises of the ZNPP and abducted four employees of the plant's physical protection service. The nuclear workers were taken away in an unknown direction. Their whereabouts remain unknown at this time.

The downward trend in the number of Ukrainian employees of the ZNPP continues. Currently, about 1,800 Ukrainian workers are still performing their duties right at the ZNPP site.

On 13 April 2023, an explosion occurred from the side of the engine room of power unit No. 4 of the ZNPP, caused by the detonation of an anti-personnel mine installed by the Russian occupiers around the plant.

Similar explosion occurred on 8 April 2023. The Russian occupiers in every possible way tried to conceal this fact from the IAEA mission at the site.

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The above-mentioned cases indicate the high level of technical degradation of nuclear safety and security at the site due to the Russia's occupation of the ZNPP.

Since the very first day of occupation, the Ukrainian power plant has faced numerous Russian actions that increased the risks of a severe nuclear accident. The current humanitarian situation at the facility is shocking and is getting worse with each subsequent day of occupation.

The risk of a nuclear tragedy at the ZNPP is growing in the course of uncontrolled activities and unauthorized processes carried out by the Russian outsiders at the Ukrainian plant.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as an 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, 27 April 2023