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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 20 May 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.

We state with regret that Ukraine does not abandon attempts to seize the Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) by force and takes steps aimed at creating threats to the plant's safety and security. Public statements by V.Zelensky and the head of Energoatom P.Kotin about the intention to gain control over the plant using military force only confirm the recklessness of the Ukrainian side, with which it continues to commit criminal acts against the infrastructure of the Russian nuclear facility, exposing it to regular artillery shelling and sabotaging the restoration of backup power lines.

Taking into account the intensification of attacks by the armed forces of Ukraine on settlements located in the immediate vicinity of the line of contact, pursuant to order of the administration of the Zaporozhye region, the voluntary movement of socially vulnerable categories of residents of these territories (pensioners, disabled, children) to safe areas was organized.

At the same time, ZNPP personnel residing in the city of Energodar perform their duties in accordance with the work schedule established at the NPP. Evacuation of workers is not carried out. The composition of the personnel working at the plant site is sufficient to ensure its safe operation.

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The information disseminated by the Ukrainian authorities about heavy weapons, military equipment and explosives allegedly placed in the turbine hall of the fourth power unit of the ZNPP does not correspond to reality.

The Russian competent authorities continue to make every effort to prevent the development of an emergency at ZNPP and to ensure the safe operation of the plant in the face of continuing threats from Ukraine, continue to monitor the radiation situation and are in constant readiness to mitigate the consequences of possible emergencies.

As of May 19, 2023, power unit No. 3 of the station is under repair, power units No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 and No. 6 are in a cold shutdown state, power unit No. 5 is in a hot shutdown state. The radiation background on the territory of ZNPP does not exceed the levels established by the norms and rules on radiation safety. In the area where the station is located, the radiation background corresponds to the natural one.

We intend to further bring to the attention of the IAEA Member States and of the international community information about the real situation around the ZNPP.

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, 20 " May 2023