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Communication from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. On 4 September 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale 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 honour to inform that on September 1 as well as September 3, the armed forces of Ukraine (AFU) attacked with combat unmanned aerial vehicles the Russian city of Kurchatov in the Kursk region. Non-residential buildings are reported to be damaged.

The Kurchatov city is located just on the bank of the cooling pond of the Kursk NPP. It is the place where the personnel of the plant and their families live. Kurchatov is the same NPP satellite town as Energodar of the Zaporozhskaya NPP. The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation draws again attention that from August 22 to August 29 there were also four episodes of fire from the AFU against the city of Energodar.

Such actions by Ukraine go in contravention to the IAEA Director General Seven indispensable pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security during an armed conflict. In particular, it concerns pillar № 3 according to which the operating staff must be able to fulfil their safety and security duties and have the capacity to make decisions free of undue pressure. The recent attacks by the AFU are a clear attempt to put pressure on the personnel of the Kursk and Zaporozhskaya NPPs.

Moreover this is not the first time such attacks happen near the Kursk NPP. On August 4, 9 and 12, 2022, Ukrainian sabotage groups blew up six towers of high-

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voltage power lines (110, 330 and 750 kV), through which the Kursk NPP supplies electricity to industry, transport, social infrastructure and population. The actions of Ukrainian saboteurs led to a disruption in the technological process of the Kursk NPP functioning.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation strongly believes that it should be really important for the sake of nuclear safety and security to condemn such acts of terror by the AFU.

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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