Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 8 September 2023, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale 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.
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 following.

During the latest rotation of the IAEA Support and Assistance Mission to Zaporizhzhia (ISAMZ) on 31 August 2023, Ukrainian bomb disposal experts cleared five anti-personnel mines along the Mission’s route.

In addition, according to the ISAMZ, the mines that were first observed at the site of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant on 23 July, were still in place.

Prior to this, one of the representatives of the ISAMZ was exposed to severe obstruction by the Russian media regarding her professional activities.

Given the above disturbing facts, Ukraine is seriously concerned about the attempts of the Russian occupying forces to exert pressure on the IAEA in connection with its work at the ZNPP.

Such threats are unacceptable, and the Member States may wish to address them in a timely and proper manner including at the next meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors to be held on 11-15 September 2023.

The Russian armed forces and other Russian personnel must cease all actions against the IAEA missions at the ZNPP. Russia must withdraw military and other personnel from the ZNPP, in order for the competent Ukrainian authorities to regain full control of the plant to ensure its safe and secure operation as it is mentioned in relevant IAEA Board of Governors resolutions.

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, 07 September 2023