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

1. On 24 November 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.
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 about the real situation at the Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) as of November 21, 2023.

From November 14 to November 20, 89 aerial vehicles launched by Ukraine with the aim of attacks and provocations against the ZNPP and the town of Energodar were suppressed.

The ZNPP’s power unit № 1 is under scheduled maintenance; № 2, № 3 and № 6 – in a state of cold shutdown; № 5 is being switched to the state of cold shutdown due to the commissioning of the 17.4 MW steam generator; № 4 – in a state of hot shutdown.

The off-site power for the ZNPP own needs is supplied via high-voltage lines “Dneprovskaya” (750 kV) and “Ferroplavraya-1” (330 kV).

Stocks of diesel fuel required for the operation of the plant’s emergency power supply systems are sufficient for more than 20 days of operation.

As of 07:00 on November 20, the water level in the supply channel of Zaporozhskaya TPP is 10.60 m, the water level in the cooling pond of ZNPP is 15.66 m.

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Radiation background at the plant site and beyond does not exceed the established standards. Radiation background at the ZNPP and around the site is within 8 to 12 microR/hour.

Recruitment of personnel at the ZNPP continues. There are enough employees at the ZNPP to carry out its safe operation in the cold and hot shutdown modes, as well as to carry out scheduled maintenance work.

Federal state supervision in the field of the use of nuclear energy is carried out at the ZNPP site in the regime of constant supervision by the Russian regulatory authority – Rostechnadzor.

Four specialists from the IAEA Secretariat are at the plant upon the IAEA Director General request and with the consent of the Russian Federation. From November 12 to November 17, the IAEA experts walked with a radiation monitoring device across the site, the 750 kW open switch-gear, control rooms of all six power units; visited the temporary crisis center; examined the turbine equipment of power unit № 5, as well as fresh fuel nods of power units № 1 and № 2.

ZNPP employees continue to receive compulsory health certificates (during the period from November 13 to November 17, 46 certificates were issued). As of November 20, 3,942 ZNPP employees have been covered by the voluntary health insurance programme.

Data on the situation at the plant is available at ZNPP website (https://znpp.ru/), in the section “Current status of the Zaporozhskaya NPP” with daily updated information.

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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