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

1. On 7 April 2024, 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 request to circulate among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible the information on attacks and provocations of the armed forces of Ukraine (AFU) with UAVs against the Russian nuclear facility – Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP).

According to the press service of the plant, on April 5, attacks of combat drones of the armed forces of Ukraine were detected in the area of the cargo port and nitrogen-oxygen station No. 2 of the ZNPP.

On April 7 at 11:38 a kamikaze drone hit the area of the canteen located on the territory of the ZNPP. As a result of the attack, 3 persons were injured (one heavily), a truck unloading the food was damaged. 20 minutes before the UAV attack, IAEA experts walked around the station site in this area in accordance with a previously agreed plan.

At 12:08, a strike of a combat drone was detected in the area of the ZNPP cargo port. At 15:05, the AFU using UAV attacked the dome of the power unit №6 of the ZNPP.

At approximately 15:30, three IAEA experts, accompanied by ZNPP representatives, visited the sites attacked by drones around the plant. They

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inspected the places where drones hit, documented the damage and the remains of munitions and delivery vehicles.

At 16:21, a kamikaze drone was suppressed over the power unit №5. At 17:08 AFU struck the ZNPP training center. The consequences of the attacks are being clarified.

Russian competent authorities are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of the ZNPP. At the same time, not a single nuclear power plant in the world is designed to withstand full scale attack of the armed forces. Shelling of the ZNPP and its infrastructure is unacceptable. Damage to infrastructure facilities can affect the safe operation of the plant and can lead to catastrophic consequences.

These actions of the Kiev regime directly violate the seven indispensable pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security during an armed conflict, pronounced by the IAEA Director General on March 2, 2022, as well as the five concrete principles to ensure nuclear safety and security at the ZNPP, formulated by the head of the Agency in the UN Security Council on May 30, 2023.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation is firmly convinced that it is important for the IAEA Member States and for the leadership of the Secretariat of the Agency, in the interests of ensuring nuclear safety and security of the ZNPP, to condemn these terrorist acts by the AFU and to call on the Kiev authorities to stop attacks against the ZNPP and the adjacent territory.

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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1. At 11.38 AFU struck using a kamikaze drone with high-explosive ammunition the canteen located on the territory of the plant. As a result of the attack, 3 persons were injured (one seriously) and 1 transport unit was damaged.

2. At 12.08, AFU struck using a kamikaze drone with high-explosive ammunition the area of the river port.

3. At 15.05, kamikaze drone attacked the dome of power unit 6.

4. At 16.21 a kamikaze drone was shot down over power unit 5.

5. At 17.08, AFU struck using a kamikaze drone with high-explosive ammunition the training center.