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

1. On 17 May 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 the actual situation at the Russian nuclear facility – Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) – as of May 14, 2024.

Within the period from May 7 to May 13, 2024, 141 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. All power units are in a state of cold shutdown.

As of 07:00 on May 13, 2024, the water level in the supply channel of Zaporozhskaya TPP is 10.55 m, the water level in the cooling pond of ZNPP is 15.34 m.

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

Stocks of diesel fuel required for the operation of the plant’s emergency power supply systems are sufficient for 21 days of operation.

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Radiation background at the plant site and beyond does not exceed the established standards. Gamma background along the perimeter of the dry storage facility of spent nuclear fuel – 15 microR/hour, at the industrial site – 10 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. Within the period from May 6 to May 13, 2024, authorized personnel of Rostechnadzor carried out four control and supervision procedures at the ZNPP.

At the ZNPP, upon the IAEA Director General R.Grossi’s request and with the consent of the Russian Federation, there are four specialists from the IAEA Secretariat, who arrived at the plant during the regular rotation that took place on April 16, 2024.

From May 3 to May 13, 2024, the Agency experts walked with a radiation monitoring device across the ZNPP site and examined fresh fuel storages in special buildings № 1 and № 2.

On May 9, 2024, on Victory Day, the management of the ZNPP laid flowers at the stele in memory of the feat of Soviet soldiers in the Great Patriotic War.

The Russian Federation continues to make efforts aimed at improving the quality of life of the ZNPP personnel and the working conditions at the plant taking into account continuing threats from Ukraine.

Registration of compulsory and voluntary health insurance programmes, as well as provision of financial assistance to the ZNPP employees, continue. The plant personnel continue to undergo periodic medical examinations in accordance with the approved schedule. As of May 13, 2024, 1073 employees underwent such examinations. Rehabilitation and health-improving programmes for the ZNPP
personnel and their families, including children (distribution of vouchers to sanatorium-resorts and to child health camps), are also implemented.

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 avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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