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

1. On 31 July 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).

Within the period from July 22 to July 28, 2024, 77 aerial vehicles launched by Ukraine with the aim of attacks and provocations against the ZNPP and the town of Energodar were suppressed.

At 09:42 on July 29, 2024, the armed forces of Ukraine launched three artillery strikes against the checkpoint area at the entrance to the town of Energodar. Three employees of the Russian Guard were injured as a result of this shelling.

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 July 29, 2024, the water level in the supply channel of Zaporozhskaya TPP is 10.6 m, the water level in the cooling pond of the ZNPP is 14.81 m.

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

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Stocks of diesel fuel required for the operation of the plant's emergency power supply systems are sufficient for 19 days of operation.

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 July 22 to July 29, 2024, authorized personnel of Rostechnadzor carried out five control and supervision procedures at the ZNPP, two of them – jointly with the experts from the IAEA Secretariat.

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 July 9, 2024.

Within the period from July 22 to July 26, 2024, the Agency experts visited metrology laboratories, radioactive source storage facilities, water chemistry laboratories and also examined radiation control panels in special buildings № 1 and № 2. The experts also visited the premises of power units № 4 (they examined the control room, the backup diesel power plant, the onshore pumping station and the circulation pumps), № 5 (they examined the reactor hall and the remote control of the fuel handling machine and the polar crane) and № 6 (they examined the backup control room and the backup diesel power plant).

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.
Registration of compulsory and voluntary health insurance programmes, as well as provision of financial assistance to the ZNPP employees, continue. More than 4500 ZNPP employees are covered under the voluntary insurance programmes.

The plant personnel undergoes periodic medical examinations in accordance with the approved schedule. As of July 29, 2024, 1894 employees underwent medical examination. Rehabilitation and health-improving programmes for the ZNPP personnel and their families (distribution of vouchers to sanatorium-resorts) are also implemented. In this regard, special attention is paid to the children.

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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