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

1. On 9 August 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.
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 – Kurskaya NPP.

Kurskaya nuclear power plant is located 4 km from the town of Kurchatov in Kurskaya oblast, 40 km to the West from the city of Kursk on the bank of the river Seim. More than 5000 people are working at the plant.

To maintain and develop production of electricity and heat generation, construction of the substitution plant – Kurskaya NPP-2 with new reactors VVER-TOI (water-moderated water-cooled – typical, optimized, computerized power reactor of generation III+) – was initiated.

At the moment, Kurskaya NPP is being operated normally, the mode of operation was not changed. Power units №3 and №4 are at capacity set by the dispatch schedule (unit №3 – 945 MW, unit №4 – 950 MW). Power units №1 and №2 are in shutdown. Radiation background onsite and in the town is within the natural limits.
Yesterday another significant milestone was achieved at the construction site of Kurskaya NPP-2 – a reactor head of unit №1 was installed at its permanent location. This procedure is required for the purpose of the reactor cold and hot tests.

On Thursday, August 8, fragments and remnants – presumably, pieces of intercepted rockets – were discovered at the territory of the plant, including in the area of the radioactive waste processing complex. The sites were cordoned off; operational special services were called in to examine the discovered fragments.

So far, there were no recorded facts of direct shelling of the town of Kurchatov, of the NPP and of the energy infrastructure facilities. However, the situation in the town and at the plant remains tense.

Reckless actions of Kiev regime are threatening not only the particular Russian nuclear facility but are also endangering the whole global nuclear industry.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 9th August 2024