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# Implications of Unstable Energy Infrastructure Critical to Safety and Security of Nuclear Power Plants

## **Resolution adopted on 12 December 2024 during the 1750th session**

The Board of Governors<sup>1</sup>,

- (a) Recognizing the critical importance of maintaining nuclear safety and security during armed conflicts,
  - (b) Recalling the IAEA Director General's "seven indispensable pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security during an armed conflict, which derive from the IAEA safety standards and nuclear security guidance", and, in particular, pillar number four stating that "there must be secure off-site power supply from the grid for all nuclear sites",
  - (c) Noting with concern the Director General's reporting indicating that renewed attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure have further endangered nuclear safety and that Ukraine's energy infrastructure remains extremely fragile and vulnerable,
  - (d) Welcoming the ongoing efforts of the IAEA, as requested, to expand its assistance to Ukraine and to report on risks to critical energy infrastructure with relevance for nuclear safety,
1. Emphasizes that attacks targeting Ukraine's energy infrastructure critical for the off-site power supply of nuclear power plants represent a direct threat to nuclear safety and security, as outlined in the fourth "indispensable pillar for nuclear safety and security in an armed conflict";
  2. Calls on the IAEA to continue to assess the risks and extent of damage to energy infrastructure in Ukraine including substations identified as essential for maintaining nuclear safety and security;
  3. Encourages all Member States to continue to provide political, financial, technical, and in-kind support to strengthen the IAEA's technical assistance and monitoring activities in Ukraine; and
  4. Requests the Director General to continue providing regular updates to the Board of Governors on the nuclear safety, security and safeguards situation in Ukraine, including the status of critical energy

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<sup>1</sup> The resolution was adopted with 22 in favor, 2 against and 10 abstentions.

infrastructure essential for nuclear safety and security, and to propose additional measures immediately if risks arise to prevent a nuclear accident.