

# Information Circular

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## Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 23 October 2024, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine 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 Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to communicate the following.

The Russian Federation continues to take actions that threaten Ukraine's nuclear security. The following incidents have been recorded:

– October 6, 2024: Two "Shahed-136" UAVs were observed in the vicinity of the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant in the Voznesensk district of the Mykolaiv region.

– October 10, 2024: Three "Shahed-136" UAVs were detected near the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant in the Voznesensk district of the Mykolaiv region.

– October 14, 2024: Several "Shahed-131/136" UAVs were recorded flying in the Voznesensk district of the Mykolaiv region near the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant.

– October 16, 2024: Multiple UAVs of the "Shahed-131/136" type were observed flying near the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant in the Voznesensk district of the Mykolaiv region.

The continuous and deliberate use of UAVs by Russia near Ukraine's nuclear power plants significantly increases the risk to nuclear safety. The presence of drones in close proximity to sensitive areas increases the risk of damage to nuclear facilities. Even minor incidents could disrupt the operational stability of nuclear reactors or associated systems, potentially leading to uncontrolled radiation releases.

A nuclear accident caused by drone activity could have consequences beyond Ukraine's borders, posing serious risks to neighboring countries and regions. Such incidents could have catastrophic environmental and public health impacts, affecting millions of people across Europe and beyond.

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Russia's actions directly violate key principles of nuclear safety as outlined by the International Atomic Energy Agency. This blatant disregard undermines the global nuclear safety standards, setting a dangerous precedent for other potential conflicts involving critical energy infrastructure.

Drone attacks near nuclear power plants pose a threat to the continuous and safe operation of Ukraine's energy sector. Any disruption to these facilities could negatively affect the safe operation of Ukrainian nuclear power plants.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as Information Circular to all IAEA Member States.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration



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