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Communication from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency

1. On 11 December 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 (IAEA) and wishes to draw attention to a grave incident that occurred on 10 December 2024 at approximately 14:00 (EEST) involving an IAEA convoy in the Zaporizhzhia region of Ukraine.

At that time, a Russian unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) deliberately targeted a vehicle belonging to the IAEA convoy tasked with ensuring nuclear safety, security and safeguards at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. This reprehensible attack, which took place in Ukrainian-controlled territory, posed a direct threat to the IAEA's critical mission of promoting global nuclear safety and security. It also highlighted Russia's blatant disregard for international law, global institutions, and the safety of nuclear facilities and personnel.

The deliberate nature of this act is evident, as the Russians could not have been unaware of their target. This attack constitutes a serious violation of international norms and is a direct challenge to the global nuclear safety framework. It also aligns with the Russian Federation's pattern of actions aimed at undermining IAEA's presence at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. The latest attack on the Agency's vehicle is aimed at disrupting the rotation of IAEA experts at the ZNPP in order to conceal Russian military activities at the occupied Ukrainian nuclear facility.

Ukraine strongly condemns this deliberate attack by the Russian Federation as an attempt to obstruct international monitoring and perpetuate violations of international law and nuclear safety standards.

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This attack requires a clear and decisive response from the IAEA and the broader international community. Failure to act risks emboldening further violations and setting a dangerous precedent for global nuclear safety and security.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine kindly requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as an 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.



Vienna, 10 December 2024