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Letter dated 22 March 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I would like to bring to your attention a note verbale dated 21 March 2024 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna addressed to the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency regarding the situation at the Zaporozhskaya nuclear power plant as of 19 March 2024 (see annex).*

I would be grateful for the circulation of the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**

* Circulated in the languages of submission only.



Annex to the letter dated 22 March 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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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 inform about the actual situation at the Russian nuclear facility – Zaporozhskaya NPP (ZNPP) – as of March 19, 2024.

From March 11 to 18, 2024, 92 aerial vehicles launched by Ukraine with the aim of attacks and provocations against the ZNPP and the town of Energodar were suppressed.

The ZNPP's power unit № 1 is under scheduled maintenance; № 2, № 3, № 5 and № 6 – in a state of cold shutdown, power unit № 4 – in a state of hot shutdown.

As of 07:00 on March 11, 2024, the water level in the supply channel of Zaporozhskaya TPP is 10.55 m, the water level in the cooling pond of ZNPP is 15.52 m.

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

Stocks of diesel fuel required for the operation of the plant's emergency power supply systems are sufficient for 22 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

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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 – Rostekhnadzor. Within the period from March 11 to 18, 2024, authorized personnel of Rostekhnadzor carried out six control and supervision procedures (two of them – jointly with the experts from the Agency’s 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 March 12, 2024.

From March 10 to March 15, 2024, the Agency experts walked twice with a radiation monitoring device across the ZNPP site (on March 13 – following a long route along the perimeter of the plant) including new auxiliary diesel boilers; visited the training center twice; observed training on a full-scale simulator; were present during the testing of safety system’s second train of the back-up diesel electric station 4; examined turbine department of power unit № 5 and control rooms of all six power units.

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 taking into account continuing threats from Ukraine.

Registration of compulsory and voluntary health insurance programmes, as well as provision of financial assistance to the ZNPP employees, continue. The plant personnel continue to undergo periodic medical examinations in accordance with the approved schedule. As of March 18, 2024, 421 employees underwent such examinations.

Energodar took part in the elections of the President of the Russian Federation. The elections were conducted as planned despite the provocation undertaken by Ukraine on March 17 that was supposed to disrupt the elections and the attacks that were carried out with the use of UAVs against administrative buildings (House of Culture “Sovremennik” and Center of Culture and Business “Molodezhniy”) where voting stations were located.

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 requests the Secretariat to circulate this information among all IAEA Member States as soon as possible.

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, 27 March 2024
