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### Communication dated 26 November 2022 received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the Agency

1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 26 November 2022 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.

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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 transmit the following information received from the State Atomic Energy Corporation "Rosatom".

Securing an external power supply is a key step in ensuring the safety of any nuclear power plant. In the event of failure in electricity supply from the outside, a nuclear power plant has only one emergency source of power supply – diesel generators whose service life is determined by fuel reserves. The IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi has repeatedly emphasized the extreme importance of the reliability of a plant's external energy supply.

Currently, electricity is supplied to Zaporozhskaya NPP via two high-voltage Ukrainian lines, which, as the events of recent weeks have shown, are regularly switched off, usually simultaneously. On more than one occasion, the shutdown of these lines has led Zaporozhskaya NPP to switch to its emergency diesel generators for power.

The solution to this problem would be to repair the high-voltage open switchgear near Zaporozhskaya thermal power plant that was destroyed due to shelling by Ukraine's armed forces. Previous attempts to repair the switchgear were halted due to shelling.

Taking into account the great importance of preserving energy supply for the safety of Zaporozhskaya NPP, especially in winter, we have decided to repair the

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open switchgear at Zaporozhskaya TPP, despite the risks to the lives of personnel involved in this repair. Kiev's response will reveal the Ukrainian leadership's real attitude to ensuring the safety of Europe's largest nuclear power plant.

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, "26" November 2022