

# Information Circular

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

1. On 18 September 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 its irresponsible attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, damaging gridlines and substations, including those critical to the off-site power supply of Ukraine's Nuclear Power Plants. Such actions not only cause large-scale blackouts throughout Ukraine, but also may lead to the loss of the off-site and on-site power supply to Nuclear Power Plants, as well as serious damage to safety-related equipment.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine has already informed the IAEA (INFCIRC/1242 of 28 August 2024) about disconnection of three power units caused by a Russian missile and drone attack. The recently recorded systematic use of drones on routes in a close vicinity or over the nuclear power plants increases the already high risks to the nuclear safety and security in Ukraine and may lead to a nuclear accident.

As Director General Grossi noted, reliable access to off-site power is one of the Seven Indispensable Pillars for ensuring nuclear safety and security during an armed conflict: "Assessing the status of substations is a significant new element of our work in Ukraine, as the safety of operating nuclear power plants is dependent on a stable grid connection. In recent weeks and months, the situation has become increasingly precarious in this regard. As experts in nuclear safety and related infrastructure, it is important that we get a first-hand view of the status of the substations".

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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine expresses its gratitude to the IAEA for the readiness to contribute extensively to the issue of monitoring critical substations as well as for the first step taken towards implementation of this initiative – a short-term monitoring mission to one of the substations.

Ukraine counts on the IAEA continued presence at Ukraine's NPPs and its monitoring missions at substations important to nuclear safety, with the joint objective of ensuring nuclear safety and security and reducing the risk of a nuclear accident in line with the IAEA safety standards, security guidelines and best practices.

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, 18 September 2024