

# Information Circular

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

1. On 1 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.

Despite repeated calls from the international community and in clear violation of IAEA safety standards, the Russian Federation continues to disregard critical protocols and basic common sense principles regarding the safety of nuclear facilities. This reckless behavior puts millions of lives at risk and poses a significant threat to the security of the entire region.

Ignoring these principles, Russia persists in its terror against Ukraine's energy sector and the safety of its nuclear facilities. In particular, from 22:16 (EEST) on 29 September 2024 to 01:37 (EEST) on 30 September 2024, thirteen Shahed-136 UAVs was recorded west of the industrial site of the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant in the Voznesensk and Pervomaisk districts (Mykolaiv region, Ukraine).

In addition, between 23:02 (EEST) on 27 September 2024 and 05:41 (EEST) on 28 September 2024, ten Shahed-136 UAVs were spotted in the same areas. One of these UAVs flew directly over the protected zone of the nuclear power plant.

On 25 September 2024, at 02:43 (EEST), another Shahed-type UAV was observed near the Rivne Nuclear Power Plant, further increasing the risk of a nuclear accident.

The situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) is of utmost concern. On 1 October 2024, as a result of a Russian attack on the main substation, one of the power lines feeding the ZNPP was disconnected, leaving the plant on the brink of a complete blackout. This latest act of Russian terrorism has created a threat of an accident at the Russian-occupied ZNPP.

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Ukrainian power engineers are working to eliminate the consequences of the Russian shelling and to restore full power to the occupied ZNPP as soon as possible.

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, 01 October 2024