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**Letter dated 26 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative  
of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith the non-paper on the actual nuclear safety situation in Ukraine after the Russian Federation committed an act of open aggression against Ukraine (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35 (a) and 67, and of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 26 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Non-paper on the actual nuclear safety situation in Ukraine after the Russian Federation committed an act of open aggression against Ukraine**

*(as of 25 February 2022)*

Since 24 February 2022, operating personnel of the Chornobyl NPP (in total 92 persons) have been held hostage by the Russian armed forces. They remain at the site for more than two days. ChNPP personnel are forced to maintain the operation of the facility and ensure security at gunpoint.

The soldiers of National Guard of Ukraine (in total around 130 persons) have also been taken hostage by the Russian armed forces.

The invasion of heavy military machinery of the Russian armed forces into the territory of Ukraine happened through the Natural Reserve established over the contaminated with radiation territories around Chernobyl NPP. The movement of heavy military machinery through the Exclusion zone led to raise of radioactive substances into the air. The increase in gamma irradiation levels has been exceeded by 5 to 15 times. Such levels were detected by the automated system of radiation monitoring of Ukraine and are observed by all safety concerned countries of the EU.

The New Safe Confinement, constructed at the cost of a significant number of countries, to protect the world from radiation consequences of the destroyed Unit 4, is now under the threat of random attack of unmanned aerial vehicles, explosive devices or other military equipment used by the Russian armed forces against Ukraine.

Nuclear facilities throughout the territory of Ukraine remain at the highest risk.

Under such circumstances, since seizure of the nuclear facilities by inadequate and unpredictable troops of the Russian Armed Forces, Ukraine cannot fulfill in the full scope its obligations under the Nuclear Safety Convention and the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, as well as the Agreement between Ukraine and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

As of 25 February 2022, air alert was declared at the site of Khmelnytsky NPP and Neteshin city.

Against this background, Ukraine requests the IAEA the following:

1. To create a special task force to monitor actions of the Russian Federation, because its aggression against Ukraine and the actions on the Chornobyl site give grounds to doubt the effectiveness of existing safety regimes.
2. To raise question of imposing sanctions on construction of a new NPPs designed by Russia.
3. To carry out international audit of nuclear material in possession of the Russian Federation.

Ukraine considers the IAEA as unique and powerful international organization and that is why we hope that along with expression of deep concern, the Agency will

create the conditions to pressure Russia before President Putin issues an order to use nuclear weapons as a last argument in his fight for personal ambitions.

Ukraine fully complies with all nuclear-related international obligations and truly hopes for effective and efficient support from all IAEA Member States.

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