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of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have to draw your attention to the ongoing criminal actions of the Kiev regime targeting the safety and security of nuclear objects.

In addition to the shelling by the Ukrainian military forces of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant, Ukrainian saboteurs blew up six towers of high-voltage power lines (110, 330 and 750 kilovolts) in the Kurchatov district of the Kursk region of the Russian Federation. These incidents took place on 4, 9 and 12 August. The affected high-voltage power lines transmit electricity generated at the Kursk nuclear power plant to industrial and transport facilities, civil infrastructure and households. As a result of the Ukrainian sabotage, the Kursk nuclear power plant operation was disrupted.

Owing to the power lines from the Kursk nuclear power plant being switched off, the total capacity of the plant was lowered for the period from 4 to 12 August 2022. Currently, power units 2 and 3 of the nuclear power plant are connected to the grid, while power unit 4 has been undergoing scheduled maintenance since 31 May 2022 and power unit 1 has been in the mode of operation without power generation since 19 December 2021. The radiation level at the Kursk nuclear power plant and the neighbouring area remains normal at the moment and does not exceed natural background.

Recent attacks of the Kiev regime on nuclear objects represent an alarming pattern. We have repeatedly warned the Secretary-General and the Security Council that Kiev is deliberately targeting nuclear infrastructure to trigger a large-scale nuclear accident as a part of its “nuclear blackmailing” tactics. The potential consequences of such a disaster will heavily affect the European continent and will be undoubtedly felt across the whole world.

We call upon the Member States and the Secretariat to condemn these irresponsible actions of the Kiev regime and demand that it stop shelling, attacking and sabotaging nuclear power facilities and related infrastructure.

I would be grateful if the present communication could be circulated as a document of General Assembly, under agenda item 100, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

