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## **Letter dated 30 August 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to convey an official statement by the Council of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the threats arising from the shelling of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant by the Ukrainian military forces dated 25 August 2022 (see annex).

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

*(Signed)* Vassily **Nebenzia**



**Annex to the letter dated 30 August 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Russian]

**Statement of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the threats arising from the shelling of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant by the Ukrainian military forces**

The Council of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation strongly condemns the continued shelling by the Ukrainian military forces of Europe's largest nuclear power plant, the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant, over the past few weeks.

The critical infrastructure of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant is being targeted by rocket and artillery strikes, and a breach of the plant's nuclear safety and security threatens to cause a major disaster in the centre of the European continent. The consequences of Kiev's reckless actions in ordering the shelling of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant could be truly devastating.

In the Russian Federation, Ukrainian saboteurs are disrupting the power lines leading to the Kursk nuclear power plant.

A series of major accidents at nuclear power plants has obviously taught Kiev and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) patrons nothing. Russophobic ideology outweighs the principles of nuclear safety and security.

Thanks only to the dedication of the Russian military performing its duty as part of a special military operation in Ukraine, it has so far been possible to provide the necessary protection for the main facilities of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant and the nearby city of Energodar.

The inherently terrorist attacks on the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant are violations of international humanitarian law, which gives rise to liability for the States and politicians involved that issue criminal orders and carry them out.

Russia has constantly raised the issue of the inadmissibility of strikes on the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant by Ukraine within the United Nations Security Council, and is providing irrefutable evidence of the Kiev regime's crimes. It calls on countries with an influence on Kiev to force the Ukrainian side to stop the shelling immediately.

Western countries are aiding and abetting these crimes by supplying Ukraine with increasingly heavy types of weaponry. By condoning the barbaric attacks on the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant, Kiev's sponsors are endangering the people of their own countries, which is irresponsible and unacceptable.

The Council of the State Duma, which includes, among others, the leaders of groups of all political parties represented in the State Duma, calls on the United Nations, on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and on national parliaments and inter-parliamentary organizations and bodies:

- To take a strong stand against Kiev's criminal actions.
- To demand that the Ukrainian authorities immediately stop shelling the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant and other facilities whose destruction poses a

danger of radioactive, chemical and biological contamination and of human-made disaster.

The Council of the State Duma demands an end to arms supplies to Ukraine, with which the anti-popular Kiev regime is killing and maiming people and creating the risk of a nuclear disaster.

We appeal to the citizens of Ukraine to realize the terrible consequences of the criminal and provocative policy of the Kiev regime.

The Council of the State Duma confirms the readiness of Russia to do everything necessary to organize an IAEA international mission to the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant so that the Agency's experts can testify on site to the threats posed by the constant Ukrainian attacks on the nuclear power plant, which could lead to tragic consequences for all humankind.

**V.V. Volodin**  
Chair of the State Duma of the  
Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

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