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**Letter dated 22 September 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**

Further to our numerous previous communications on the shelling by the Armed Forces of Ukraine of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant, I would like to bring to your attention a presentation by the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, along with photo materials on an artillery strike conducted by the Armed Forces of Ukraine against the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant using 152-mm shells on 20 September 2022.¹

The shelling of the spray pool area of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant resulted in damage to one of the pipes in the process water system for the first safety system of power unit 5. In addition, it is reported that the main communication lines of power unit 6 and the 750 kV open switchgear were damaged. As the result of the damage to these and to 330 kV auxiliary lines, the safety system of power unit 6 activated automatically, with two diesel generator sets switching on to sustain fuel-cooling pumps.

In addition, it is reported that, later that night, construction facilities in Energodar city near the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant were also targeted by artillery strikes.

As of 22 September, the radioactive level at the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant remains normal. On 21 September, the power supply to power unit 6 was restored by utilizing a reserve bus network of other power units, and the diesel generator sets were switched off. Owing to earlier damage, the 750 kV high voltage power lines of “Zaporozhskaya”, “South Donbass” and “Kakhovskaya”, as well as the 330 kV high voltage line of the Zaporozhye thermal power plant “Ferrosplavnaya” and “Molochanskaya” substations are still disconnected. The Zaporozhye nuclear power plant relies for its own power supply on a 150 kV high voltage line from the Zaporozhye thermal power plant.

¹ The presentation and photo materials are available at <https://disk.yandex.ru/d/P8Ah8Nh0poTgaw>.



Currently, the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant maintenance administration is promptly developing a plan of necessary actions to prepare for the winter period of sub-zero temperatures. One of its goals is to ensure the safety of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant, so that when the outside air temperature will drop down to negative degrees Celsius, damage to the plant equipment owing to defrosting could be avoided in case of a cold shutdown of all power units of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant.

It is extremely worrisome that the Kiev regime, emboldened by the inability of its Western sponsors to condemn the strikes it has previously conducted against the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant, chose to shell the plant again and further endanger its personnel. We once again call upon Member States and the Secretariat to condemn these irresponsible actions by the Kiev regime, which continue to put the people of Ukraine, as well as neighbouring countries, at risk of a nuclear catastrophe on an unprecedented scale.

I would be grateful if the present communication could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 99, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
