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The situation in Ukraine
Statement by Norway

Chair,

Norway aligns itself with the statement made by Cyprus on behalf the EU and would like to add the following in our national capacity.

Tragically, Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine has now entered its fifth year, with all the implications this has for the people of Ukraine. We would like to express our gratitude to Director General Grossi and his team for their strong commitment to nuclear safety and security in Ukraine. We are grateful for their efforts as well as the hard work of the Ukrainian personnel under extreme conditions.

As we have heard in recent reports, the situation at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) remains extremely challenging, particularly regarding off-site power, cooling water and the plant's proximity to the frontline. The fact that Director General Grossi, has been able to get both sides of the conflict to yet again agree on a ceasefire is commendable. This allows for necessary repair works on the electrical power systems in the vicinity of the ZNPP to take place.

Norway condemns Russia's targeting of Ukraine's electrical sub-stations that are crucial for the secure functioning of Ukrainian nuclear power plants. We demand that Russia ceases actions putting into grave danger the nuclear safety and security of Ukraine and its civilian population. Russian attacks also threaten nuclear safety and security in the wider region.

Norway has a long-standing cooperation with Ukrainian authorities on nuclear safety and over the past years we have further increased our bilateral support. We are also pleased to be one of the member states contributing substantial financial support to the Agency's efforts in Ukraine.

We urge Russia to immediately withdraw its military and other personnel from internationally recognized territory of Ukraine. We urge Russia to cease all threats and military activities including in the vicinity of nuclear facilities, and to return the ZNPP to the full control of Ukrainian authorities.

Thank you.