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Nuclear safety, security and safeguards in Ukraine

Statement by Norway

Chair,

Norway aligns itself with the statement made by the EU and would like to add the following in our national capacity. We are also pleased to have joined the joint statement introduced by Ukraine and encourage others to do the same.

The situation at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) continues to pose severe nuclear safety and security risks. The fact that Director General Grossi has been able to get Russia and Ukraine to once again agree on a localized ceasefire is commendable. Recent events have created additional challenges, but we hope that the necessary repair work on the electrical power systems in the vicinity of the ZNPP will now take place. We are grateful to the staff of the IAEA, as well as Ukrainian personnel, for their hard work under extremely challenging circumstances.

Norway also condemns Russia's recent drone strike, which damaged storage facilities for spent fuel in the vicinity of the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant. Thankfully the strike did not result in any radioactive release, but it could have posed serious nuclear safety risks. We demand that Russia cease actions that put the nuclear safety and security of Ukraine and its civilian population in grave danger. 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 substantially increased our bilateral support. We are 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 forces from the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine. We urge Russia to cease all threats and military activity, including in the vicinity of nuclear facilities, and to return the ZNPP to the full control of the competent Ukrainian authorities.

Thank you.