



**European Union
EU contingency Statement on Ukraine**

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1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of 26 European Union Member States. [alignment clause]
2. The Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine, a sovereign country, is a gross violation of international law, including the UN Charter.

Chair,

3. The NSG Guidelines stipulate that all nuclear materials and facilities identified by the agreed trigger list should be placed under effective physical protection levels to prevent unauthorised use and handling, consistent with the relevant International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) nuclear security recommendations, in particular those set out in INFCIRC/225/rev.5¹. Russia's illegal seizure of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) has a direct bearing on the implementation of the NSG Guidelines, since Ukraine has lost regulatory control over a sizeable number of radioactive sources. Russia must urgently comply with IAEA resolutions and international law and withdraw from Ukraine's ZNPP, so that the plant can be immediately returned to the full control of the competent Ukrainian authorities.
4. Russia must also stop targeting Ukraine's civilian energy infrastructure which is threatening the safety and security of Ukraine's nuclear facilities. All reactors of the ZNPP must remain in cold shutdown to decrease the risk of a serious nuclear accident. The seven pillars and five principles for ensuring nuclear safety and security at ZNPP must be strictly upheld.

¹ Nuclear Security Recommendations on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities

5. In this context, the EU and its Member States are pleased to contribute to the IAEA's comprehensive assistance programme in support of Ukraine and to support politically, logistically and financially the IAEA's continued presence at all of Ukraine's nuclear power plants.
6. On nuclear fuel acquisition, alongside with Ukraine's experience, EU Member States that operate Russian designed reactors are progressing in diversifying their supply.
7. The EU supports all efforts towards achieving a sustainable, just and lasting peace based on international law and with full respect of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders. We call on NSG Participating Governments to do the same.

Thank you, Chair.