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Agenda item 9: The safety, security and safeguards implications of the situation in Ukraine

Mr. Chair,

In addition to the statement delivered on behalf of the EU, I would like note the following in my national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

The Russian Federation continues with its war of aggression and deliberate attacks against civilian infrastructure, including ceasing nuclear facilities in Ukraine, and thus gravely violating the international law. The Czech Republic is gravely concerned about the Russian Federation's non-compliance with the Board's resolution adopted on 3 March 2022 and its continued blatant disregard of the seven indispensable pillars of nuclear safety and security, as outlined by the Director General. Let me emphasize that each of these principles has been compromised as a result of Russia's illegal invasion. This situation is unprecedented and unacceptable.

Russia's attacks at and illegal occupation of Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant, the largest NPP in Europe, seriously endanger its safety and security. Most notably the power plant sustained grave physical damage, the off-site power supply has been lost multiple times and the conditions for Ukrainian staff are unacceptable.

We urge the Russian Federation to immediately and unconditionally withdraw all its armed forces from the entire territory of Ukraine, including from the Zaporizhzhya NPP, and fully respect Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence within its internationally recognized borders. Other Russian personnel must also leave the power plant so that the Ukrainian authorities can resume their sovereign

responsibilities and that the legitimate operating staff can conduct their duties without outside pressure and interference.

We are grateful to the Ukrainian staff for their critical work and heroic efforts in the most stressful circumstances and reiterate our full support.

We also welcome the Support and Assistance Mission to Zaporizhzhya (ISAMZ), commend the Director General and his team and thank them for the report on Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards in Ukraine and note the recommendations contained therein.

Thank you, Mr. Chair