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**STATEMENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE STATE DUMA
OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
ON THE THREATS ARISING FROM THE SHELLING OF THE ZAPOROZHSKAYA
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT BY UKRAINIAN MILITARY UNITS**

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The Council of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation strongly condemns the continued shelling of the Zaporozhskaya Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) by Ukrainian military units over the past few weeks.

Missile and artillery attacks are targeting critically important infrastructure of the ZNPP, whose nuclear and physical safety violation could lead to a major catastrophe in the heart of the European continent. The consequences of Kiev's reckless action in ordering the shelling of the ZNPP could be truly horrifying.

On the territory of the Russian Federation, Ukrainian saboteurs are disrupting power lines leading to the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant.

A number of major nuclear accidents have obviously taught Kiev and its NATO patrons nothing. Russophobic ideology outweighs nuclear safety principles.

It is only thanks to the dedication of Russian servicemen, who are fulfilling their duty within the framework of the special military operation in Ukraine, that so far they have been able to provide the necessary protection for the main facilities of the ZNPP and the nearby city of Energodar.

The inherently terrorist attacks against the ZNPP are violations of international humanitarian law, which entails the responsibility of the States involved and the politicians who give criminal orders and carry them out.

Russia is constantly raising in the United Nations Security Council the issue of the inadmissibility of strikes against the ZNPP by Ukraine. Our country provides irrefutable evidence of the crimes of the Kiev regime. Russia calls on the countries influencing Kiev to force the Ukrainian side to immediately stop shellings.

Western countries are becoming accomplices in crimes, supplying Ukraine with more and more heavy weapons. By ignoring the barbaric attacks on the ZNPP, the sponsors of Kiev endanger the peoples of their own countries, which is irresponsible and unacceptable.

The Council of the State Duma, which includes the heads of factions of all political parties represented in the State Duma, calls on the United Nations and the IAEA, as well as national parliaments, inter-parliamentary organizations and bodies:

- to give a principled assessment of the criminal actions of Kiev;
- to demand the Ukrainian authorities to immediately stop the shelling of the ZNPP and other facilities, the destruction of which carries the risk of radioactive, chemical and biological contamination and technogenic disaster.

The Council of the State Duma demands to put an end to the supply of weapons to Ukraine, by which the anti-people regime in Kiev kills and maims people, creates the risk of a nuclear catastrophe.

We appeal to the citizens of Ukraine to realize the terrible consequences of the criminal and provocative policy of the Kiev regime.

The Council of the State Duma confirms the readiness of the Russian side to do everything necessary to organize an IAEA international mission to the ZNPP so that the agency's specialists on the ground can attest the presence of threats, created as a result of constant Ukrainian attacks on the nuclear power plant, fraught with tragic consequences for the whole mankind.