

**Question for written answer E-000907/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Nuclear safety in Ukraine

The nuclear power plant (NPP) of Zaporizhia – one of the largest in Europe – is under threat and a new nuclear disaster cannot be excluded.

Ukraine also has several other old NPPs using Russian technology, some of whose permits have expired, and for which a Lifetime Extension – LTE – has been initiated.

The Commission – Euratom – on its own, but also in the context of the UNECE Espoo Convention, has been carefully following the LTE issue of Ukraine's NPPs in the past, which has been looked at in terms of compliance under the procedures of the convention.

1. How is the Commission considering, as a matter of urgency, to follow up on this issue, as a nuclear disaster will affect the EU in the first place?
2. Is the Commission considering, in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Nuclear Safety Group, launching an international action to protect Ukraine's NPPs and also to ensure their regular maintenance, which is key to avoid leakages or reduce the likelihood of accidents as a result of the unconsidered attacks?
3. Will the Commission propose an international observer mission to Ukraine to obtain an overview of the situation and provide assistance to Ukraine which, because of the implications of the war, might not be able to properly protect its NPPs?