The EU is well aware of the situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant and has repeatedly condemned the Russian military aggression against Ukraine and called on Russia to return all of Ukraine’s nuclear facilities to the full operational and regulatory control of Ukraine. As early as 4 March 2022, the Commissioner for Energy wrote a letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General requesting that IAEA does its utmost to ensure the nuclear safety of Ukraine’s nuclear facilities under the current conditions of war.

On 9 June 2022, the EU issued a statement\(^1\) at the IAEA Board of Governors, in which it expressed grave concern at Russia’s actions, which pose serious and direct threats to the safety and security of Ukrainian nuclear facilities, and impede the Agency from fully and safely conducting safeguards verification activities in Ukraine. The EU fully supports the IAEA Director-General’s efforts to dispatch, at the request of Ukraine, an IAEA-led international mission to Zaporizhzhia at the earliest opportunity.

Furthermore, the EU provides comprehensive support to Ukraine in the area of nuclear safety and radiation protection. Thanks to the existing cooperation channels, radiological and nuclear items could be delivered promptly. The EU will continue supporting the IAEA’s nuclear safety and security assistance to Ukraine.

Any decision to impose sanctions related to Russia’s actions in the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plan is to be taken by the Council.