

**Priority question for written answer P-001523/2023  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Deployment of military technology in the territory of Zaporizhzhia NPP

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) has been held by Russian occupiers since 5 March 2022. Due to Russia's continual terrorist actions and shelling from the territory, the power plant has lost its external power supply at least six times. Now, according to representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Russia has deployed military equipment and explosives near Zaporizhzhia NPP's reactor. Furthermore, on 6 May of this year, the head of the IAEA reported that the situation around the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant has become dangerous: Russian appointed officials have begun to evacuate people from nearby areas. According to data from 8 May, more than 1 600 people have been evacuated. Such spontaneous, or perhaps even deliberate action by Russia implies that there may potentially be military escalation or that an incident has taken place in the nuclear power plant.

Could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission familiar with the current situation at Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, and can it provide specific information about the unfolding situation?
2. Does the Commission, together with the IAEA, intend to organise a fact-finding and information-gathering mission?
3. What steps would the Commission take if Russia's military actions caused nuclear safety incidents?

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