

**Priority question for written answer P-000200/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Provocations by the Russian military at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

On 19 January 2023, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that Russian occupying forces had once again laid mines around the perimeter of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP). It has also been reported that Russian forces may have mined the cooling system of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, according to Ukrainian intelligence information officially released in 2023. Since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the plant has experienced at least eight major power outages. Ukraine and Europe have been on the brink of a nuclear catastrophe for almost two years, and the situation remains dire. Indeed, the Russian military is acting out of malice by escalating the situation at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, deliberately increasing the chances of a nuclear incident.

Could the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission aware of the latest information on the situation at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, and what action is it prepared to take to help Ukraine ensure nuclear and radiological safety?
2. What mechanisms could the Commission activate to contain a radiological or nuclear emergency at the Zaporizhzhia NPP?
3. Would the Commission consider coming forward with sanctions against the entire Russian nuclear energy sector and the state-owned company Rosatom as a result of the provocations carried out by the Russian military at Zaporizhzhia?

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