

Madam Chair,

Allow me to address one element under this topic which is of utmost concern for Estonia, namely the nuclear safety, security and safeguards threats that the Russian military invasion poses in Ukraine. The Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine, a sovereign country, is a gross violation of international law, including the UN Charter. Nuclear facilities throughout the territory of Ukraine remain at the highest risk. We deeply condemn the deliberate attacks of the Russian Armed Forces on several nuclear sites, also in and around the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant. Estonia deplores Russia's non-compliance with the IAEA March Board Resolution and its continued disregard of the seven indispensable pillars of nuclear safety and security as set out by the Director General of the IAEA.

Estonia calls upon Russia to abide by its obligations and stop the gross violations of international law. We also call on the Russian Federation to immediately withdraw its military and other personnel from Zaporizhzhia NPP so that the Ukrainian authorities can resume their sovereign responsibilities without outside pressure and interference.

We are thankful to the Agency for closely monitoring the situation.

I thank you Madam Chair.