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**Another round of Interdepartmental consultations with the IAEA takes place in Kaliningrad**

*The parties discussed main issues related to nuclear safety and security of the Zaporozhskaya NPP*

**On 6 June, another round of Interagency consultations of the Russian side with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) delegation led by Director General Mr. Rafael Grossi took place in Kaliningrad.** The Russian delegation headed by Director General of Rosatom Mr. Alexey Likhachev comprised Head of Rostechnadzor Mr. Alexander Trembitskiy, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna Mr. Mikhail Ulyanov; Deputy Director of the Department for Nonproliferation and Arms Control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia Mr. Mikhail Kondratenkov; Chief of Radiation, Chemical, and Biological Protection Troops of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation Mr. Alexey Rtischev; and Head of the General Directorate for Facilities’ Security of the Federal National Guard Troops Service Mr. Vladimir Mashevskiy.

In a format that has already become traditional, the parties exchanged views on relevant issues of the agenda. The discussion centered on ensuring nuclear safety and security of the Zaporozhskaya nuclear power plant (NPP) under the conditions of continuous attacks by the armed forces of Ukraine. The participants of the meeting also discussed issues related to regular rotations of the IAEA experts at the plant. It was emphasized by the Russian side that during the rotations the priority is to ensure safety of the IAEA staff and of the representatives of the relevant agencies involved.

In addition, **Alexey Likhachev** informed about the work currently underway to prepare for the restart of the Zaporozhskaya NPP and to ensure its operation in the generation mode.

**Rafael Grossi**, in his turn, shared his understanding of the situation around the Zaporozhskaya NPP and informed about his recent international contacts.

Other issues of mutual interest pertinent to the cooperation between Russia and the IAEA were also touched upon during the consultations. The both sides regarded the conversation as useful and open and confirmed their commitment to maintaining contacts.