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

*Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev and the Agency Director General Rafael Grossi head delegations*

On 6 September, another round of interdepartmental consultations between the Russian Federation and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was held in Kaliningrad.

The Russian delegation, led by Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev, included Alexander Trembitskiy, Head of Rostechnadzor; Mikhail Ulyanov, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna; Mikhail Kondratenkov, Deputy Director of the Department for Nonproliferation and Arms Control at the Russian Foreign Ministry; Igor Kirillov, Chief of Radiation, Chemical, and Biological Protection Troops of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation; and Vladimir Mashevskiy, Head of the General Directorate for Facilities Security of the Federal National Guard Troops Service.

The IAEA delegation was led by the IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi.

The talks focused primarily on two key issues – safety and security of the Kursk and the Zaporozhskaya nuclear power plants.

Alexey Likhachev emphasized that the Kursk NPP continued to operate in a normal mode, which Rafael Grossi had the opportunity to observe firsthand during his visit on 27 August. Alexey Likhachev also directly called for an appropriate response from the IAEA Secretariat regarding recent attacks on the plant by the Kyiv regime.

Concerning the Zaporozhskaya NPP, Alexey Likhachev confirmed that the Russian side was taking all necessary measures to ensure the safe operation of the plant amidst escalating provocations by Ukraine. He also addressed issues related to the exchange of information between the IAEA team at the NPP and Russian agencies.

In turn, Rafael Grossi shared his assessment of the situation at both the Zaporozhskaya and Kursk NPPs. He provided details of the regular rotation of IAEA experts at the Zaporozhskaya NPP, which took place on 4 September. During this visit, Grossi inspected the plant, including the cooling tower that was damaged during the 11 August attack.

The parties reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining regular communication and consultations moving forward.