**Another round of consultations with the IAEA on the situation at the Zaporozhskaya NPP held in Kaliningrad on June 23**

The Russian delegation was headed by Director General of ROSATOM Alexey Likhachev. The meeting was also attended by Alexander Trembitsky, Head of Federal Environmental,  Industrial and Nuclear Supervision Service of Russia (ROSTECHNADZOR); Vladimir Mashevsky, Head of the General Directorate of Site Protection of the Federal National Guard Troops Service; Mikhail Kondratenkov, Acting Deputy Director of the Department for Non-proliferation and Arms Control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia; and a representative of the Russian CBRN troops.

Besides IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, his deputies Massimo Aparo and Lydie Evrard took part in the meeting.

The discussion focused on issues related to nuclear safety of the Zaporozhskaya NPP, which were raised by Rafael Grossi at the UN Security Council Briefing on May 30 this year.

The IAEA Director General explained how he sees the Agency's future actions in connection with the theses he formulated in this regard. For their part, Alexey Likhachev and other speakers emphasized that now we expect the IAEA Secretariat to take specific steps to prevent strikes by the Ukrainian Armed Forces both on the ZNPP and on adjacent territory and critical supporting infrastructure facilities.

The parties also discussed the results of Rafael Grossi's visit to the plant on June 15 this year at the head of the IAEA rotation mission. At his request, the IAEA Director General visited the open switchyard at the Zaporozhskaya TPP, one of the key elements of ZNPP's external power supply infrastructure, where he was shown the consequences of kamikaze drone attacks by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Alexey Likhachev told the IAEA Director General about measures being taken by the Russian side to ensure safe operation of the Zaporozhskaya NPP, including its water supply after the Kakhovka HPP dam was destroyed by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. During his visit to the plant, the Agency’s Director General was able to personally verify that ZNPP's hydraulic structures are in normal – operation and the water supply in the cooling pond is sufficient for safe operation of the plant.

Communications will proceed.