**The official meeting of the director general of Rosatom Alexey Likhachev and director general of the IAEA Rafael Grossi**

A traditional meeting between the head of the Russian delegation, Director General of ROSATOM Mr Alexey Likhachev and Director General of the IAEA Mr Rafael Grossi took place on the margins of the 67th session of the Agency's General Conference. On the Russian side, the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to international organisations in Vienna Mr Mikhail Ulyanov and Head of the Federal Service for Environmental, Technological and Nuclear Supervision of Russia “Rostekhnadzor” Mr Alexander Trembitsky participated in the meeting.

The Director General of ROSATOM confirmed the Russian Federation’s support for the IAEA work and emphasized the Russian commitment to further development of comprehensive cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Agency.

In connection with the reappointment of Rafael Grossi to the position of the IAEA Director General, Alexey Likhachev congratulated him and expressed hope that the IAEA Secretariat under his leadership would continue its activities in the interests of the safe promotion of nuclear energy in the world on the basis of the Agency's professional mandate.

The parties discussed the main points of the current and future agenda of bilateral cooperation between Russia and the IAEA. They focused on the issues related to ensuring nuclear safety and security of the Zaporozhskaya NPP, the largest NPP in Europe. According to Alexey Likhachev, the Russian side intends to continue to create all necessary conditions to ensure effective IAEA presence at the plant site.

In continuation of the topic Alexey Likhachev informed the IAEA Director General about the efforts made by the Russian side to develop the social sphere of Energodar and in general to establish normal life in the city.

Alexey Likhachev and Rafael Grossi agreed to continue the established practice of regular working contacts.