**Working meeting between head of Rosatom and Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Türkiye takes place at Akkuyu NPP**

A working meeting between Alexei Likhachev, Director General of Rosatom State Corporation, and Alparslan Bayraktar, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Türkiye, has taken at the Akkuyu NPP Construction Site. At the Akkuyu NPP Construction Site, the official delegation was met by project leaders headed by Anastasia Zoteeva, Chief Executive Officer of AKKUYU NUCLEAR JSC.

The visitors conducted a joint examination of the site. During the meeting, Ms. Zoteeva explained the progress of construction of the nuclear power plant. Following the meeting with the Turkish Energy Minister, Mr. Likhachev met representatives of contracting organisations that perform construction and installation works at the Akkuyu NPP Site.

When commenting on the progress of construction of the first Turkish nuclear power plant, he noted the intensity of construction works. *"Thanks to successful cooperation between the Russian and the Turkish teams, the project is being implemented in accordance with the schedule at all four power units. This year we will complete general civil works, and also plan to commence start-up and adjustment of the Unit No. 1. We expect to commence the physical start-up stage and start generating the first kilowatts-hours of electricity as early as next year. Rosatom diligently performs its assumed obligations and completes the tasks assigned by Russian and Turkish leaders in full,”* said Rosatom’s head.

The Director General of Rosatom State Corporation emphasized the great importance of implementing the first Turkish nuclear power plant project for the two countries. *"We are not only engaged in establishing the energy industry that is new to Türkiye, but are also making a substantial contribution to the regional infrastructure; new residential districts are being built, modern networks of road junctions are being created, and education, agriculture, hotel business and many other industries are actively developing. The region’s residents are already feeling all these effects,"* emphasized Mr. Likhachev*.*

***For reference:***

*Akkuyu NPP is the first-ever nuclear power plant in the Republic of Turkey. The Akkuyu NPP project includes four power units equipped with Generation 3+ VVER reactors of Russian design. The capacity of each NPP power unit will be 1200 MW.*

*Akkuyu NPP is the first project in the global nuclear industry being implemented according to the Build-Own-Operate model.*

*According to the terms and conditions of the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey, the NPP's first power unit is supposed to be commissioned within 7 years after obtaining all construction authorizations. With regard to the construction license for Unit 1 was obtained in 2018, the deadline is 2025. At the same time, the project stakeholders are making their best efforts to ensure readiness for the commissioning works at Unit 1 in 2023, a jubilee year for the Republic of Turkey.*

*Russia continues a constructive dialogue with its foreign colleagues, developing cooperation with countries from all over the world and actively forming a multipolar system of international relations. The implementation of major foreign energy projects also continues. Rosatom and its enterprises are actively involved in this activity.*