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**Russia and the IAEA hold another round of Interdepartmental consultations in Moscow**

*Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev and IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi head the Delegations*

**On 7 February, another round of interdepartmental consultations of the Russian side with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) took place in Moscow.**

The Russian delegation headed by Director General of Rosatom **Alexey Likhachev** comprised Head of Rostechnadzor **Alexander Trembitskiy**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna **Mikhail Ulyanov** as well as representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia; the Radiation, Chemical, and Biological Protection Troops of the Russian Armed Forces; and the National Guard Troops Federal Service of the Russian Federation.

The sides had an open and honest dialogue. A focus of attention was placed on safety and security of the Zaporozhskaya NPP and other Russian nuclear power plants. **Alexey Likhachev** gave a clear and principled assessment of the current situation. He highlighted the efforts undertaken by Russia to ensure safe operation of the Zaporozhskaya NPP and to improve the lives of people in its satellite town Energodar under the conditions of relentless attacks by the AFU. Rosatom Director General emphasized the importance of joint work with the IAEA, including at the plant site.

**Rafael Grossi**, in turn, informed about the IAEA Secretariat’s approach to the organization of work at the Zaporozhskaya NPP and told about his recent visit to Ukraine. The parties specifically discussed the issues concerning regular rotations of the IAEA experts at the Zaporozhskaya NPP.

Other areas of cooperation of mutual interest for Russia and the IAEA were also addressed.

The parties reaffirmed their commitment to continue contacts on a regular basis.