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Extraordinary ENSREG meeting: “Concern for military deployment in Chernobyl. Avoiding risks to Ukrainian nuclear plants”.

An extraordinary meeting of ENSREG (European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group) was held yesterday by videoconference, which met to address the issue of the safety of Ukrainian nuclear plants following the Russian military aggression.

In addition to the nuclear safety regulatory authorities of the Member States of the European Union and the Commission, the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency), the Ukrainian Nuclear Safety Authority (SNRIU, State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine), WENRA (Western European Nuclear Regulators' Association). For Italy, the ISIN participated, represented by the Coordinator of the Council and president of the ENSREG Working Group on radioactive waste and decommissioning, Stefano Laporta.

During the meeting, the participants called for an end to the attacks in Ukraine and requested that in all plants in the country the possibility for operational staff and the SNRIU regulatory authority to carry out, without undue pressure, their tasks to ensure the safety.

ENSREG, which confirmed its commitment to monitor the situation, in coordination with the IAEA, expressed concern about the potential damage to storage and disposal facilities in the Chernobyl exclusion zone.

Unanimous praise was also expressed to the Ukrainian regulatory authority for its commitment to continue, to the best of its ability in this dire situation, to supervise and provide timely reports on the nuclear safety status and radiological situation of the country's nuclear facilities.

At the end of the meeting, a press release was agreed, reported on the ENSREG website:

<https://www.ensreg.eu/document/ensreg-statement-ukraine> [1]

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