

Question for written answer E-003880/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Dangerous situation at the Chernobyl and Zaporizhzhia NPPs

Two particularly dangerous incidents occurred in recent days that jeopardise Europe's nuclear security. On 2 October 2025, Chernobyl NPP lost its electricity supply after Russian forces shelled the nearby Slavutych substation. The power outage disrupted the electricity supply to the protective sarcophagus covering the ruins of Chernobyl NPP's fourth reactor. Emergency diesel generators are currently supplying it with electricity. At the same time, the Zaporizhzhia NPP, which has been under Russian control since 2022, has been disconnected from the external power grid for more than a week. The situation is spiralling out of control and on the verge of a nuclear disaster, as the functionality of both nuclear power plants depends solely on backup systems.

Could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does the Commission, together with the IAEA, intend to launch additional international missions to these sites in order to assess the risks and ensure ongoing international nuclear supervision, and what measures does it envisage taking in the near future?
2. What EU civil protection mechanisms could the Commission activate if a radiological incident with the potential to affect EU territory occurred at one of the facilities?
3. Would the Commission consider proposing new sanctions against the Russian nuclear sector, including Rosatom, for its systematic provocations and deliberate attempts to increase the risk of a nuclear disaster?

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