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**Question for written answer E-002422/25
to the Commission
Liudas Mažylis (PPE)
(16 June 2025)**

Subject: Rosatom's plans to resume operations at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

Since the Russian Federation began its occupation of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in 2022, this piece of strategically important infrastructure has become the focus of constant military action and geopolitical blackmail. On 6 June 2025, Russian nuclear energy chief Alexey Likhachev informed the IAEA that a detailed plan to restart the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant had been drawn up. There have also been reports that Russia intends to disconnect the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant from Ukraine's electricity grid and integrate it into Russia's energy system. Given Russia's ongoing military operations around the nuclear power plant, restarting it would only increase the risk of a nuclear disaster.

In light of this, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission aware of Russia's plans to restart the reactors at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, and has an assessment been carried out in cooperation with the IAEA on the possible consequences for nuclear safety?
2. How does the Commission assess the role of Rosatom in this process, and would it consider urgently adding this company and its subsidiaries in Europe to the EU sanctions list for its direct involvement in the reckless operation of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant?
3. Given that some Member States, such as Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Poland, have already imposed national sanctions on Rosatom and its management, will the Commission consider adopting measures to coordinate these national decisions at EU level in order to ensure the overall effectiveness of the sanctions regime?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(12 August 2025)**

The Commission is aware of public statements by Rosatom officials indicating an intention to restart reactors at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP).

The Commission is closely following the developments at ZNPP since its illegal seizure by Russia. It has made it clear that no restart of the ZNPP is possible under occupation and without the corresponding licensing decision by Ukraine's competent nuclear safety authority as well as without an in-depth assessment of the nuclear safety situation of the power plant. For detailed information on this matter, the Honourable Member is kindly invited to liaise with the Commission.

The Commission and the European External Action Service weight very carefully the impact of any potential sanctions against Rosatom and the Russian nuclear energy sector.

All decisions related to EU sanctions are taken by the Council, by unanimity. The High Representative/Vice-President will continue to work with Member States in order to further strengthen EU sanctions and their impact, including individual designation.
