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H.E. Mr. Vladimir Chizhov  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the EU

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Energy Charter Secretariat, I am conveying our grave concern on the current situation in Ukraine, a Contracting Party of the Energy Charter Treaty.

We are closely following the developments and understand that the Russian authorities are in control of the nuclear site of Chernobyl. We are deeply concerned about the safety of the site, and call on the Russian authorities to provide information on the measures taken for fully ensuring such safety.

We further call on the Russian authorities to refrain from any action that could affect critical energy infrastructure in Ukraine, and extend the invitation to Russia to participate in the Energy Security Contact Group, to be convened by the Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat.

The purpose of the Energy Security Contact Group is to seek resolution of an emergency situation and therefore we believe it is the most suitable venue to address, as a neutral platform, the current energy emergency. As you would recall, Russia, as a signatory of the 1991 European Energy Charter, committed to implement nuclear safety measures and improve energy security, and we hope our invitation would be given serious consideration by your authorities.

Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Guy Lentz

Cc:

*Mr Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission*

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