

**Question for written answer E-002002/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign
Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: EEAS and EU measures to investigate the incident at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

On 4 September 2024, IAEA Director Rafael Grossi visited the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to assess the damage caused by the fire that had impacted on one of the power plant's cooling towers on 11 August 2024. The images published on the IAEA website show the serious impact of the incident on the infrastructure of the nuclear power plant, which is less than 500 km from the EU's external border.

Can the Commission answer the following questions in this regard:

1. Has the European External Action Service (EEAS) taken steps to ensure that a detailed investigation is conducted into the causes of the incident?
2. What measures have been taken by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to ensure that weapons financed through the European Peace Facility (EPF) will not be used in attacks on nuclear power plants or other critical infrastructure, potentially leading to a humanitarian and/or environmental catastrophe in south-east Europe?
3. In connection with the repeated warnings by the IAEA Director-General that military action near Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant heightens the risk of a nuclear accident, what measures is the EU taking to observe the five principles for the protection of that nuclear power plant, established by the UN Security Council in May 2023?

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