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Statement of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform on Russian Armed Forces Attack on the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant on March 4, 2022

We would once again like to express our solidarity with the Ukrainian people and Ukraine.

Another threat has been imposed during the ongoing horrific war that could turn into a large-scale humanitarian and environmental disaster for the world and in particular, for Ukraine and surrounding countries.

Such actions pose a huge risk to humanity. The world has not forgotten consequences of the Chernobyl disaster that must not reoccur.

The intention of the Russian Federation to attack and seize the nuclear power plant in Ukraine is inadmissible.

Ukraine has 5 nuclear power plants. 6 out of the 15 units are located at the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant. The incident has been resolved so far, but despite the fact that only Unit 4 of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant is operating and experts deem it safe, in case of recurrence of the incident it will pose great danger.

We urge the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to pay special attention to Ukraine and do its best to avoid the threat.

We also call on all parties to the war to consider such facilities as red zones where military operations must not be allowed.

We urge the Russian Federation to refrain from attempting to seize nuclear power plants in Ukraine to pose further pressure on the country due to the fact that any unintended action (which carries a high risk during the war) could wreak havoc on many countries, including the Russian Federation.

We call on Western governments to address this threat and do their best to prevent another possible Chernobyl disaster.

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform wishes the Ukrainian people endurance, courage and victory in their fair struggle.

