

## ON THE RUSSIAN FAKES CONCERNING UKRAINE'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Three central news agencies of Russia – *Interfax*, *RIA Novosti* and *TASS*, referring to an informed source in one of the RF competent authorities, have simultaneously spread misinformation that allegedly Ukraine since 1994 has had a nuclear program under which R&D efforts became more active in 2014 by tacit order of President P. Poroshenko. And it is by this allegation that Russians are trying to justify their attack on Ukraine and the seizure of Zaporizka NPP and Chornobyl NPP.

The foreign intelligence service of the Russian Federation claims that “the work on the development of a nuclear explosive device which could subsequently be used in nuclear warheads was going on in several scientific directions: the key role was played by scientists of “Kharkiv Institute of Physics and Technology” (NSC KIPT), while their colleagues from scientific institutions all over Ukraine were helping them. Those institutions also involved the Institute for Safety Problems of Nuclear Power Plants (ISP NPP), whose scientists purportedly conducted R&D in the Chornobyl NPP zone aimed both at producing a “dirty” bomb and at plutonium separation, since the increased radiation background characteristic of the Chornobyl zone would conceal such activities”.

We, Academician Mykola Shulga, Director-General of the National Scientific Center ‘Kharkiv Institute of Physics and Technology’, and Academician Anatolii Nosovskyi, Director of the Institute for Safety Problems of Nuclear Power Plants, declare with full responsibility that:

no programs aimed at the development of nuclear weapons were not and are not being implemented at the scientific institutions of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NSC KIPT, ISP NPP included) and in Ukraine in general;

all nuclear material (high enriched uranium) that was located on the territories of the scientific institutions of KIPT and the Institute for Nuclear Research (INR) of the NAS of Ukraine was transferred to Russia back in March 2012 under IAEA control;

the activities of NAS scientific institutions (including NSC KIPT, ISP NPP, and INR) that are working for nuclear energy industry are under continuous control of the Department of Safeguards of the International Agency for Atomic Energy (IAEA). Officers of the IAEA Vienna International Center conduct inspection surveys of the territories of scientific institutes, laboratories and offices in Kharkiv, Kyiv and Chornobyl, checking for the absence of undeclared nuclear materials and scientific institutes’ activities beyond their statutory tasks. During those checks, IAEA inspectors examine the institutions’ activities, scientific and practical

potentials of research laboratories, carry out the necessary surveys and measurements with specialized equipment.

Hence, everything that Russian Federation's media report about the nuclear program purportedly implemented by Ukraine is not true and is one of the numerous fakes now spread by insane Russian propagandists.

Glory to Ukraine!

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