

Readout from the meeting between Acting MD [REDACTED] and BY
Ambassador [REDACTED] – 18 October

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[REDACTED] AE stressed the importance of **nuclear safety**, to which AM said that LT arguments were emotional and not technical. While Ostrovets was 50 km from Vilnius, it was 150 km from Minsk and for a nuclear accident this difference did not make much difference. Of course Minsk was committed to ensuring that the NPP was as safe as possible. It was also important for Russia to ensure that this technology proves to be safe and reliable, as Russia was building/planning to build plants with the same technology in Hungary, Finland, Bangladesh, India and elsewhere. He said that every month there were new security exercises (for population, engineers, plant workers etc.) on how to act in case of emergency. He recalled that ENSREG peer review did not identify any imminent danger for the plant, but identified areas for potential issues in the future, and this was what they were working on.

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