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# Clarification on RIA Novosti Story

23 May 2014

| "On 21 May, RIA Novosti news agency published a story headlined [IAEA Says Impossible for Ukraine to Switch to US Nuclear Fuel](#), based on apparent remarks by an Agency official during a News Conference in Moscow.

There was some confusion about the official's remarks, which were made in Russian. The resulting RIA Novosti story does not accurately reflect his words, nor the position of the IAEA, which is as follows:

- The choice of supplier for nuclear fuel is the prerogative of the nuclear operator. Such an approach is not unique to Ukraine.
- Any change in the supply of fuel to a nuclear power plant requires careful safety assessment and testing.
- Any such modifications should be approved by the national regulatory body in accordance with national laws, applicable safety regulations and industry best practices."

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