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Your Excellency,

On April 26, 1986 the world community first heard the name of Chernobyl that has become the synonym for a terrible technological disaster and tremendous ecological catastrophe on the global scale.

Today the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant is not operating. The interim spent nuclear fuel storage facility at the site is under construction. The building of a new safe confinement which will reliably protect society and the environment from the destroyed Chernobyl power generating Unit is also being conducted.

The international community has demonstrated remarkable solidarity with Ukraine. Together we have made significant progress in overcoming the consequences of this devastating accident. I am particularly grateful for the support that has been provided for the construction of the new safe confinement.

November 29, 2016 is expected to be a very important day – the arch will be pulled over the destroyed Fourth Unit of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant (within the project of the new safe confinement) in the presence of the state leadership, international community, representatives of donor-countries to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund and the Nuclear Safety Account.

Completion of the process of sliding of the arch over the Chernobyl NPP "Shelter" will evidence the successful implementation of the large-scale project in the field of radiation safety, which brought together 28 countries, and commence the transformation of the site into an ecologically safe system.

I kindly invite Your Excellency to participate in the high-level events to be held at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant site on November 29, 2016 and to witness the impressive progress made since the start of construction of the new safe confinement.

The Arch thrust ceremony will be an opportunity for Ukraine and the international community to assure that we are on the right path to overcoming successfully the long-standing consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

Yours sincerely,

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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter of invitation from Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine H.E. Mr. Ostap Semerak addressed to Secretary-General of the United Nations H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon to participate in the high-level events to be held at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant site on November 29, 2016. The original letter will be transmitted to the Executive Office at the Permanent Mission's earliest convenience.

In this regard the Permanent Mission will be most grateful for forwarding the above document to its highest addressee.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

17 November 2016

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