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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BELARUS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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Excellency,

I have the honour to draw your kind attention to the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly in observance of the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. The President of the General Assembly is convening this meeting tomorrow, April 26, in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution 68/99.

As you are aware, Belarus highly appreciates your firm position and support in drawing the international community's attention and resources in order to mitigate the long-term consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. Three decades of UN-led international actions to deal with its aftermath have considerably contributed to global efforts to prevent, react to and resolve the long-term consequences of man-made disasters.

Writing to you on the very eve of the 30th anniversary of the world's most severe technological disaster, I sincerely hope for your personal attendance at the tomorrow's meeting of the General Assembly. If you could come, this would send a very strong and welcome message of support of the continued multilateral cooperation to help the recovery of the areas affected by Chernobyl and to promote greater nuclear safety worldwide. The peoples of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine would not leave this most dignified gesture unheeded.

As ever, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Andrei Dapkiunas

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