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The European Centre of Technological Safety (TESEC)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT.
FUTURE OUTLOOK”**

**Kyiv, Ukraine
24-26 April 2006**

INFORMATION DOCUMENT

First Announcement

International Conference Twenty Years after Chernobyl Accident. Future Outlook

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The 26th of April 2006 will be the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. With the aim of effective use of the experience gained for strengthening nuclear safety around the world, the International Conference "Twenty years after the Chernobyl accident. Future Outlook" will be held in Kyiv, Ukraine from 24 to 26 April 2006.

The Chernobyl catastrophe resulted in essential changes not only in Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia, but also in the whole world. The catastrophe had a serious political impact and changed attitudes towards nuclear energy all over the world. International regulations and standards for radioactive protection, national strategies for nuclear energy development, nuclear safety and radioactive waste management have been substantially revised. After 20 years of the Chernobyl catastrophe, it is now important to analyse the effectiveness of measures taken during the period following the tragedy, to review the work accomplished over the last decades and to outline an action plan for the future.

The Conference will be organized by the Government of Ukraine represented by the Ministry of Emergencies and Affairs of Population Protection from the Consequences of the Chernobyl Catastrophe (MOE) in co-operation with the Governments of Belarus and the Russian Federation, UNDP, IAEA, UNESCO, WHO, European Commission, Council of Europe, European Centre of Technological Safety, IRSN (France), and GRS (Germany).

This Conference will be the last event in the sequence of conferences devoted to the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. The Conclusions of the International Conferences "Chernobyl: Looking Back to Go Forwards" (6-7 September 2005, Vienna) and "Chernobyl after 20 years. Strategy for rehabilitation and sustainable development of affected areas" (19-21 April 2006, Minsk) will be presented at the Conference.

The Conference will promote an effective implementation of recent international expertise on the following issues:

- radiation protection of the population and the environment, minimization of the consequences of the Chernobyl accident;
- medical and biological consequences of radiological accidents, Chernobyl experience;
- improvements of effectiveness of response to radiological accidents;
- economic and legal problems in radioactive waste management, nuclear power plants decommissioning, and radiological accidents response;
- radioactive waste management, Chernobyl experience;
- nuclear power plants decommissioning, Chernobyl NPP decommissioning;
- transformation of the 4th Unit “Shelter” into an ecologically safe system.

The working languages of the Conference will be Ukrainian, Russian and English. The Proceedings of the Conference will be published.

The European Centre of Technological Safety (TESEC) has been selected as the Secretariat of the Conference.

Abstracts of intended contributed papers (*length less than 2 pages paper size A4, font Times New Roman size 12, 1½ spaced, with a reference made to one of the conference themes*) are to be submitted to the Conference Secretariat by **20 November 2005**.

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CONCLUSIONS

of the first meeting of the organising committee for the International conference "Twenty years after the Chernobyl accident. Future Outlook".

IAEA, Vienna, Austria, 7 September 2005

Representatives from Ukraine, Belarus, Russian Federation, IAEA, UNDP, WHO, European Commission, Council of Europe, European Centre of Technological Safety (TESEC), IRSN (France), and GRS (Germany) participated in the meeting.

The Chair of the conference organising committee, First Deputy Minister of Emergency Management of Ukraine, Ms. T. Amosova, thanked the participants in the meeting for having accepted to participate in the preparation of the international conference "Twenty years after the Chernobyl accident. Future Outlook", which will be held in Kiev from 24 to 26 April 2006. She extended her thanks in particular to the IAEA for hosting the meeting of the organising committee at the Vienna International centre.

She informed that this Conference would be the concluding event in the sequence of conferences devoted to the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. The conclusions of the international conferences "Chernobyl: Looking Back to Go Forwards" (6-7 September 2005, Vienna) and "20 years of Chernobyl accident, strategy for rehabilitation and sustainable development of affected areas" (19-21 April 2006, Minsk) will be presented at this Conference.

At the first meeting of the international organising committee, the following subjects have been considered:

1. Creation of an International Programme Committee
2. List of invited reports and organisations responsible for their preparation
3. Establishment of an international working group for the preparation of the Conference conclusions
4. Participation of international and national organisations in the organisation of the Conference
5. Structure of the conference.

First subject

Partial proposals for members of the International Programme Committee have been received by the Secretariat. Final proposals for the participants in the organising committee meeting can be presented up to 20 September 2005.

It has also been decided to invite some other international and national organisations, which have made significant contributions to the minimisation of the consequences of the Chernobyl accident, to contribute to the organisation of the conference. The members of the international organising committee are invited for this activity in co-operation with the Conference Secretariat.

Second subject

The proposed subjects of invited reports have been discussed. The preliminary list of invited reports and persons responsible for preparation are presented in the table below.

The organisers of the Conference and participants in the meeting are invited to discuss this matter and to draw up a more precise of list of the invited reports and the persons responsible for

preparation. The organisers of the Conference also invited the nomination of certain persons, who could be responsible for developing the invited reports. We kindly request you to put forward your proposals to the Secretariat before the 20 September 2005.

Table. The preliminary list of invited reports and those responsible for preparation

Title of invited report	Responsible for preparation
Efficiency of measures on minimization of the consequences of Chernobyl accident (focus on long term measures), international experience	Ukraine Belarus Russia UNDP +
Strengthening of emergency response to radiological accidents	IAEA WHO +
Improvement of nuclear safety and radiation protection initiated by the Chernobyl accident	IAEA EC +
Chernobyl NPP decommissioning	Ukraine EC +
Transformation of 'Shelter' into an ecologically safe system.	Ukraine EC EBRD +
Chernobyl radioactive waste management- experience and future outlook, exclusion zone problems	Ukraine IAEA EC +
Chernobyl and new knowledge	Ukraine Belarus Russia UNDP

Third subject

The participants are invited to send to the Secretariat by 20 September 2005 proposals regarding representatives of the Conference organisers to form a working group for the preparation of the Conference conclusions.

Forth subject

To date, Ukraine, Belarus, Russian Federation, IAEA, UNDP, WHO, UNESCO, European Commission, Council of Europe, European Centre of Technological Safety (TESEC), IRSN (France), and GRS (Germany) have confirmed their participation in the Conference organisation.

They are kindly asked to send their proposal on their contribution to the Conference organisation to the Secretariat by 7 October 2005.

The main items are funding and/or participation in:

1. Invited reports developing, translation and publishing
2. Developing, translation and publishing of Conference abstracts
3. The Conference participants service
4. Developing of information web site
5. Developing, translation and publishing of the Conference conclusions and recommendations.

Fifth subject

The preliminary structure of the Conference has been discussed

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

First plenary session 10:00-18:30, 24.04.2006

Welcome speeches of the Conference organisers - Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, EC, UN, IAEA, WHO, UNESCO

Summary of the Vienna Forum

Summary of the Minsk conference

National report of Ukraine

Invited reports (up to 30 minutes each):

Sectional sessions 9:00-18:30, 25.04.2006

- radiation protection of people and the environment, minimization of the consequences of the Chernobyl accident;
- medical and biological consequences of radiological accidents, the Chernobyl experience;
- improvement of response effectiveness to radiological accidents;
- economic and legal aspects in radioactive waste management, nuclear power plants decommissioning, radiological accidents response;
- radioactive waste management, the Chernobyl experience, exclusion zone problems;
- nuclear power plants decommissioning, Chernobyl NPP decommissioning;
- transformation of the "Shelter" into an ecologically safe system.

Second plenary session 9:00-13:30, 26.04.2006

Conclusions from work in sections

General conclusions of the Conference, recommendations for the future