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Internet site PRIPYAT.com and "Literaturna Ukraina" Newspaper starts action of collection of signatures under Appeal about saving Pripyat City.

AN APPEAL

to the President, to the Government and the Supreme Council of Ukraine, to the Heads of all countries of the world, to the Council of Europe, UNESCO, the United Nations

Last disturbing world events testify that all most painful problems of the present – from economic decline and growth of criminality down to wars and the ecological and technique's catastrophes – have a long tail in the past. That we have sown, it we and reap! Spiritual degradation and criminal irresponsibility have brought the mankind into the vicious circle of eternal struggle against consequences of own spiritual imperfection. On the elected way of deadlock of the development the mankind received many warnings. Chernobyl disaster, which has carried radiation on all globe and has influenced ecology of all Earth - was by one of the brightest such warnings. Therefore and the word Chernobyl is known now in all corners of the world. But whether we through the prism of Chernobyl have made out the black reality of our existence and our managing on the Earth? Unfortunately, as we see, the mankind still has not got used to take the lessons from the past.

Though already is pleasantly, that in September of the last year at summit of the CIS in Astana, Kazakhstan, under the initiative of Ukraine, the countries CIS have declared 2006 year as the year of memory of victims of the accident on the Chernobyl atomic power station. And the General Assembly of the United Nations has declared on April, 26 – in the international Afternoon of memory of victims of the radiation accidents and catastrophes. We count such decision of the United Nations very important, that this world renowned mournful date became also Day of the Hope, by the first beacon of self-comprehension and self-purification of the mankind on the road to rescue of our planet. And we think, that it has taken place due to gradual understanding of the main lesson of Chernobyl – that without spiritual revival the mankind is doomed for global accident, when all planet can become "a dead zone", as the fine city of Pripyat. However more than six billions inhabitants of the Earth will not have any place for resettlement!..

And it's not casual, that the city Pripyat already became the embodied symbol of possible planetary catastrophe. For 20 years after Chernobyl catastrophe thousands people from all corners of globe have already visited dead Pripyat, to whom this beautiful and young city has reminded their own big and small cities of the such unprotected modern world. And all of them assert, that visiting of a dead city-phantom Pripyat and the Chernobyl zone has left an indelible trace in their souls, and that they cannot live any more so carefree and thoughtlessly, as earlier. In fact, to change the world – we need to change ourselves!

That is why former vice-president the USA Albert Gore, after visiting the Chernobyl atomic power station and the dead city of Pripyat in July 1998, in his speech in Kiev in the National museum of Chernobyl, has named our time " the great moment of a choice ", and the main lesson of Chernobyl - necessity of the self-purification". "In this sense - he has noted, - that happened in Chernobyl, should revive spiritually not only those, whom this tragedy has touched, but also all of us, if we shall take into account the lesson, that all of us are in general sheaf. The call of Chernobyl will consist in a recognition that in a field of our responsibility there is the Earth. Probably, danger of our newest technologies will lead us back to the ancient wisdom – to the wisdom of Kindness. The survival did not demand it earlier, but it demands it now ... ". Al. Gore has invoked to the united efforts, to embody the supreme wisdom of the world in new laws and agreements, that "we have not broken up, have not disappeared, but prolonged ourselves in a descendants".

With the similar purpose we address to the United Nations and UNESCO, to the Heads of all countries of the world, and, first of all, to the Heads of the countries most injured of Chernobyl – Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, with very topical initiative – about the granting to city Pripyat of the international status of the city-museum, and 10-15km zone of alienation around of Pripyat, including the city of Chernobyl, – of the international status of the historical-ecological national park – of the monument of the biggest technical catastrophe of the planet.

Such status will allow to protect the city Pripyat not only from marauders and vandals, but also from excessive destructions, that this dead town still many years continued to be the Reminder and the Warning - for prevention of new similar accidents. And God will give, that such monument was the first and last on the Earth!..

In the resolution of last General Assembly of the United Nations about Chernobyl (the co-authors of which were 69 countries) is told, that the United Nations "will continue to have the important coordination role in strengthening interaction on Chernobyl questions at the international level, in which the main emphasis is done on the programs of rehabilitation and development of injured territories " ...

The granting of Pripyat the international status of a city-museum can be one of the important points of such programs and it will give the world hope, that on the Earth there will be no more such terrible monuments to irresponsible use of dangerous technologies for the sake of momentary benefit.

Such international status to Pripyat already can be given at special session of General Assembly of the United Nations in connection with 20-th anniversary of Chernobyl in April, 2006.

Therefore we invoke all people of Good Will; all humanitarian, cultural, religious and public organizations of the world; everyone to whom is not indifferently the future of the Earth - to add your signature under this Appeal.

I am (Name, age) _____

Citizen of _____

Occupation _____

Additional information _____

I appeal to the President, to the Government and the Supreme Council of Ukraine, to the Heads of all countries of the world, to the Council of Europe, UNESCO, the United Nations

Pripyat needs for granting the international status of a city-museum - City-Monument of the biggest technical catastrophe of the planet and I add my signature under this Appeal

Signature _____ Date _____

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