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His Excellency
Mindaugas Sinkevičius

Prime Minister
Lithuania

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of **Ukraine**, of the Government of France and of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), we have the honour to invite you to a Donor Pledging Conference, to be held on the morning of 9th November 2026 in Paris, dedicated to securing funds to support the restoration of the New Safe Confinement (NSC) at Chornobyl.

The completion of the NSC in 2019, following nearly two decades of unprecedented global collaboration, stands as one of the most significant achievements in the history of international nuclear safety. It embodied a shared determination to address the legacy of the 1986 reactor explosion and allowed Ukraine, for the first time since the accident, to look to the future with confidence that it had the infrastructure and expertise to manage Chornobyl's uniquely complex legacy safely and securely.

That confidence has been shattered.

On 14 February 2025, a Russian drone strike caused extensive damage to the NSC, compromising its key functions of confinement and its role in enabling the safe dismantling of the original shelter. The incident has placed at risk years of sustained international effort and investment. While the Ukrainian authorities acted swiftly to stabilise the situation and initiate repairs, the scale and complexity of the damage make full restoration both urgent and demanding.

Ukraine, together with the EBRD, is advancing the technical groundwork necessary to restore the structure's full functionality. Preliminary assessments indicate that restoration by 2030 is critical to prevent corrosion of the NSC's steel structure and to ensure that its containment and ventilation systems continue to perform their vital safety functions. Current estimates suggest that the cost of restoration is expected to be at least €500 million. While initial donor support has enabled preparatory work to begin, there are no resources to proceed to full implementation.

France, as chair of the G7 and longstanding donor, has placed this issue high on the international agenda. G7 countries have consistently underscored the need for a coordinated international response to mobilize financial support across the G7 and beyond. The Conference in Paris will provide an essential opportunity to present the latest technical assessments and the proposed restoration strategy, including indicative timelines and financing needs, and to take stock of existing international commitments, with a view to securing substantial new pledges in support of the restoration programme.

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This moment calls for renewed resolve. The New Safe Confinement was never merely an engineering structure, it is a powerful demonstration of what the international community can achieve when united by a shared purpose. Following the drone attack, that spirit of solidarity is being tested once again.

We hope the Conference will serve not only to reaffirm international solidarity, but also to secure the concrete commitments required to restore the NSC within the necessary timeframe.

Further details regarding Conference arrangements will be shared in due course. We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation at your earliest convenience by contacting: alice.regnier@dgtresor.gouv.fr, evanss@ebrd.com and ivan.martsun@mev.gov.ua. We look forward to your continued partnership in this vital effort.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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