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The text of a letter dated 23 September 1999 which the Director General has received from the Permanent Mission of Belarus, and its attachments, are as requested reproduced for the attention of the General Conference.

“Referring to my Letter № 1579a of 10 September 1999 regarding the official request of the Government of the Republic of Belarus to restore the voting rights of Belarus I have the honour to forward herewith additional information on this matter.

“I kindly ask you to issue the attached information as an enclosure to the document of the 43rd session of the General Conference GC(43)/INF/10 of 20 September 1999”.

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13 September, 1999

Dear Sir or Madam,

Upon request from the Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in connection with their appeal to regain their voting right in accordance with article 2.b in the Criteria or guiding principles for consideration of requests to regain voting rights (GC (42)/2), we would like to indicate that the following environmental catastrophes took place in Belarus, and that in order to cope with the effects of these, the Government of Belarus found it self in need of international assistance.

On 23rd June 1997 central and southern districts of Belarus were affected by a hurricane. Five people were killed and 45 injured, hundreds became homeless. The hurricane damaged 4415 transforming stations, 349 electric power lines and destroyed 376 houses and 208 industrial facilities. 7015 houses and 1959 industrial facilities were partially damaged. The damage inflicted by the hurricane totalled over USD 150 million according to experts from the Ministry of Emergencies of Belarus. The Belarusian government made an appeal to OCJIA on 27th June 1997 for international assistance to mitigate the consequences of the disaster.

In the spring of 1999 49 districts, 370 populated areas, 7230 houses and 1058 farmsteads were flooded. 2,9 km of electric power lines, 82,3 km of roads, 2,65 km of dikes and 13 bridges were wrecked. 2224 people were displaced from 929 houses. The flood area amounted to 26 000 ha, out of which 18 000 was agricultural land. The cost to the Belarusian economy is estimated to 3465,4 Million Roubles. The Belarusian government made an appeal for assistance to Under-Secretary-General Mr Sergio Vieira de Mello on the 24th March 1999 and through the UNDP Country office to OCHA on the 2nd April 1999.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Belarus
Deputy Minister – Secretary General
Mr Alexander Petrov



In addition to this, the Government of Belarus is still struggling with the consequences of the Chernobyl accident. According to the OCHA Appeal for international co-operation on Chernobyl from January 1999, Belarus spent on its programme for mitigation of the effects of the Chernobyl accident USD 1,865 Billion annually from 1996-1989, USD 2,95 Billion 1990, USD 1,1 Billion annually 1992-1996 and USD 800 Million annually 1997-1998. In the beginning of the 1990s this amounted to approximately 20 per cent of the annual budget of Belarus.

Attachments:

Appeal for assistance to OCHA 27th June 1997 (with unofficial translation)

Appeal for assistance to USG de Mello 24th March 1999

Appeal for assistance to OCHA 24th April 1999

Sincerely,

Neil Buhne
UN Resident Co-ordinator



MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS OF BELARUS

non official translation

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27 June 1997 # 04/2534

Mr. Putman-Craemer

The Ministry of Emergency situations of Belarusⁱⁿ addressing you on behalf of the Government of Belarus with a request to support us with the liquidation of consequences of the hurricane on the 23 of June 1997. An approximate sum would be not less then 150 million USD for the reconstruction.

As a result of the hurricane 5 persons have died, 45 are heavily wounded and they are at present time in hospital care. Hundreds of people are without roof.

4415 electric transformers are damaged and 349 electric lines. Further, 376 houses are distracted and 208 industrial areas, 7015 houses are injured and 1959 industrial areas as well.

Electricity has been cut of from 1639 living areas. 122759 ha of land is affected which could lead to difficulties in supplying people living in Brest and Minsk areas with food.

In total, the republic of Belarus has highly need for building materials, and also electric equipment.

We are asking you to help the Republic of Belarus with a sum of 5.000.000 USD so that we can take the first steps into liquidation of consequences of the hurricane.

Minister Mr Kenik

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PERMANENT MISSION
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New York, 24 March 1999

Excellency,

I would like to draw your attention to serious spring flooding which affected some regions of my country in the last several days. According to the information of the Ministry of Emergencies of the Republic of Belarus, the Government of Belarus has resettled already over two thousand people. 204 human settlements, seven thousand households, 28 kilometers of motorways and 7 bridges have been affected by devastating flooding.

As you know my country suffers serious economic difficulties of the transition period. Furthermore, Belarus has to allocate considerable part of its state budget for overcoming the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. In this situation the Government of my country would appreciate it if the United Nations could consider the possibility of rendering every possible assistance to the Republic of Belarus in liquidating the aftermath of the devastating flooding. The appropriate authorities of my country are ready to cooperate with the specialists of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in order to consolidate joint efforts in opposing this natural disaster.

Personally I count on your understanding and support. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]
Myakhsandr Sychov
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Belarus
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello
Under-Secretary-General
of the United Nations
for Humanitarian Affairs
New York

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02 April 1999 Outgoing № 15/1118

To: UNDP Representative in Belarus
Mr. Y. G. Misnikov

On Rendering of Humanitarian Assistance

Dear Mr. Misnikov,

Enclosed please find the necessary information the Ministry of Emergency Situations submits in order to prepare an appeal to Governments of countries, which are ready to render assistance in elimination of consequences of the flood to the Republic of Belarus.

1. By 5 April 1999 the flood situation in a number of districts of Brest, Gomel and Minsk regions is still unfavourable. The ice has broken up on the Zapadnaya Dvina rivers.

The inundation on the Pripyat river near the city of Mozyr reached its maximum level of 6.67 m above the zero point, but down the river it continues to rise slowly. On the Dnieper, Berezina, Sozh and Niemen and their tributaries the inundation level rises with the intensity of 0.01 - 0.39 m a day, whereas on the whole length of the Zapadnaya Dvina river this figure ranges between 0.43 and 1.58 m a day.

Currently the waters of the Pripyat, Berezina, Sozh, Dnieper (Mogilev - Loev section), Niemen (Stolbtsy - Belna section), Zapadnaya Dvina in the vicinity of the city of Verkhnedvinsk and majority of their tributaries are in flood-lands.

Forecasts say that flood situation in Vitebsk and Mogilev regions is expected to aggravate: there is a probability of underflooding of 56 locations in 14 districts: Vitebsk, Verkhnedvinsk, Polotsk, Braslav, Orsha, Mogilev, Bobruisk, Belynichi, Dribin, Shklov, Krasnopolie, Osipovich, Chaussy and Cherkov.

During the period from 1 March till 5 April 1999 underflooding took place in 38 districts (32% of all districts of Belarus), 279 locations, 7,162 dwelling houses and 10,840 houses in the country. Total area in floods amounts to 255,653 hectares including 184,993 hectares of arable lands. Damages include 82,25 km of roads, 2,65 km of dams, 2,9 km of electric power supply lines and 15 bridges of which 8 were swept away by the flood.

Now the total sum of damages reached 1,025 billion Belarusian Roubles and 5,000 billion Belarusian Roubles is required for repair and restoration works.

2. 7,950 persons and 1,680 units of machinery, 3 icebreakers, 58 cutters and 38 motor boats were involved in activities aimed at elimination of consequences of the flood.

3. Nomenclature and amount of the required humanitarian assistance:

No	Description	Item
1.	Medicines	
1.1	Antibiotics in tablets	2,500 packs
1.2	Sulfanilamides	25,000 packs
1.3	Cardiovascular	500 packs
1.4	Anti-fever	1,500 packs
1.5	Intestinal pharmaceutical products	500 packs
1.6	Ferments	1,500 packs
1.7	Syringes	7,000 pieces
1.8	Surgical gloves	700 pairs
2.	Foodstuffs	
2.1	Vegetable oil	10 tons
2.2	Macaroni	10 tons
2.3	Butter	5 tons
2.4	Flour	25 tons
2.5	Sugar	20 tons
2.6	Cereals	20 tons
2.7	Tinned fish	20 tons
2.8	Tinned meat	20 tons
3.	Clothes	
3.1	Rubber boots	2,000 pairs
3.2	Jackboots	2,000 pairs
3.3	Warm coats	2,000 pieces
3.4	Children's clothes and foot-wear	2,000 sets
3.5	Knitted wear and underclothes	2,000 sets
4.	Construction materials	
4.1	Wallpaper	15,000 rolls
4.2	Oil paint	10 tons
4.3	Red brick	1,000,000 pieces
4.4	Flooring board	25,000 m ³
4.5	Beam bars	5,000 m ³
4.6	Nails	50 tons
4.7	Roofing slate	5,000 pieces
4.8	Cement	150 tons
5.	Durable goods	
5.1	Mobile electric power generating plants (10 - 100 kW)	10
5.2	Water pumps	20
5.3	Electric saws	10
5.4	Motor boats	10
5.5	Mobile radio stations	25
5.6	Collapsible / dismountable houses	50
5.7	Sleeping bags	500
5.8	Tents	500

4. Contact telephones:

Deputy Chief of Militarised Fire-fighting Service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations
Gennady F. Novikov 375 - 172 - 23 - 77 - 17

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Number of a bank account for the Governments of the countries ready to render assistance:

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Beneficiary: Branch 523, Code 295
Beneficiary's account: 6111000000989
Beneficiary's bank: BELARUSBANK, SWIFT: AKBB BY 2X
BRANCH 523, CODE 295, Minsk
Correspondent account: 04 - 095 - 692
Correspondent bank: BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, USA,
SWIFT: BKTR US 33
Details of payment: F/O Humanitarian ACC. 3622000000421

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Beneficiary: Branch 523, Code 525
Beneficiary's account: 6111000000989
Beneficiary's bank: BELARUSBANK, SWIFT: AKBB BY 2X
BRANCH 523, CODE 293, Minsk
Correspondent account: 949 - 81 - 14
Correspondent bank: DEUTSCHE BANK AG, FRANKFURT, GERMANY
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Yours sincerely,

(signed)

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