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Dear Mr. Aleshin,

I would like to thank you and Mr. Ferapontov for the response and indicated support for the continued analysis of the Ru-106 release, which needs to be discussed and investigated jointly. I am pleased that you have confirmed the importance of clarifying the situation regarding the release and the spread of Ru-106 in European countries and the need to communicate the findings to the international community.

The meeting held by IBRAE on January 31st was an important first step and I would like to thank IBRAE as well as the other Russian participants for these exchanges. They helped us to draw some preliminary conclusions on the source term, highlighting the need to get data from inside and around the Mayak facility, as well as highlighting the need for additional measurements upwind from localities where Ru-106 was found in the Chelyabinsk region.

I very much welcome the decision taken to publish all conclusions of the meetings and to invite IAEA as an observer to the next meeting planned for April 11th in Moscow.

I believe that the work of the Independent Commission would benefit from your expertise as the independent regulatory body on safety and radiation protection, especially as your organization supports the function of analytical service systems that undertakes radiation monitoring within the territory of the Russian Federation. Your participation would help us to coordinate our capabilities on the measurement of radioactive concentrations, to better understand the potential source and details of the event, and of course to draw collective conclusions on the lessons learned in order to help avoid similar events in the future.

A joint, collaborative approach would be a strong and transparent signal to stakeholders, showing that safety and radiation protection are the driving force of our common action, and will help us to benefit from increased credibility.

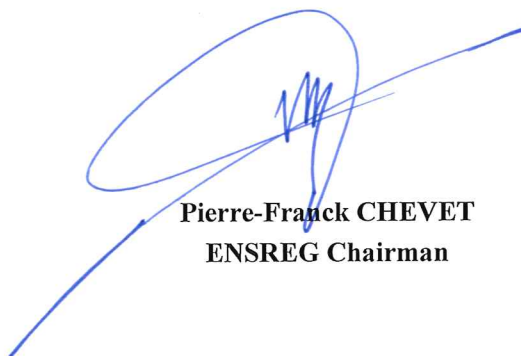
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Regarding the objectives and tasks of this Independent International Scientific Commission (IISC), I would like to highlight again the importance attached by ENSREG to have included in the scope of the IISC an assessment of the safety and health risk to the local population and to perform in-situ investigations.

In order to ensure that the next meeting of the IISC is productive, I would be grateful if the additional measurements at Mayak and upwind of the Chelyabinsk region could be provided a few weeks in advance of the next meeting so that we can fully prepare. If the data is not available, I propose that the meeting be rescheduled until it can be provided.

I thank you for your cooperation and the upcoming additional work on this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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