

**STATEMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS
OF THE JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
ON
COOPERATION IN RESEARCH ON RADIATION EFFECTS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINIMIZING THE CONSEQUENCES
OF RADIATION CONTAMINATION ON HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

On the occasion of a meeting at the United States Department of Energy on May 13, 1998, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in Research on Radiation Effects for the Purpose of Minimizing the Consequences of Radiation Contamination on Health and the Environment (the "Agreement"),

Noting that the Agreement was signed by United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Russian Federation Foreign Minister Andrey Kozyrev on January 14, 1994; and

Noting that the Agreement is scheduled to expire on January 14, 1999,

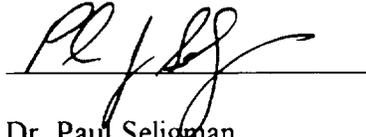
Declare as follows:

Cooperation between the Parties to the Agreement has advanced the purpose of the Agreement to undertake joint research and exchange information between the United States and the Russian Federation on the health and environmental effects of radiation.

Both Parties to the Agreement have invested considerable resources in joint radiation health effects research initiated under the auspices of the Agreement and have created a solid foundation for the scientific objectives of the joint research.

Important scientific results, of interest to the entire world community, are expected to be obtained and to become significant to the development of improved standards for radiation protection.

The Department of Energy of the United States and the Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense Affairs, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters, as the Executive Agents responsible for coordination of the Agreement, expect that the Parties will take the actions necessary in their respective countries to extend the Agreement beyond January 14, 1999, so that the Parties may continue their cooperation on radiation effects research



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