

Resulting document of the discussion of a nuclear power plant construction issue in Belarus

- Understanding the necessity of providing Belarus with energy resources and their diversification;
- Considering the conditions of current global crisis and economical risks involved with it;
- Believing it expedient to invest into renewable energy development in order to provide independence for the country in the sphere of energy;

We, the participants of the discussion on NPP construction, which was held in frame of the NGO Forum, suggest abandoning the dangerous idea of a NPP construction in Belarus.

Nuclear energy is in conflict with foundations of sustainable development concept and it does not serve as a mechanism of global climate change control. Beside this fact, there are a number of unresolved issues and serious risks involved with nuclear energy.

Radioactive NPP waste remains dangerous for millions of years. We must not hand down such legacy to the future generations.

There are no arguments in favor of nuclear energy development in present nuclear-free Belarus. Nuclear energy is economically unsound, ecologically unsafe and politically unaccepted. NPP construction in our country that has already suffered from Chernobyl catastrophe will indicate complete dependency on the nuclear technology and nuclear fuel purvey and will not ensure power safety of Belarus.

Investment of the resources earmarked for NPP construction should rather be directed to the development of RES (Renewable Energy Sources); that will set up conditions for regional development and power safety ensuring of the country.

We state the fact that the decision on NPP construction in Belarus was made with no regard for public opinion, independent scientific and expert community opinion; therefore, we believe this decision must be withdrawn.