

While 25 000 people living within a 30 km range of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor were relocated immediately after the accident, another 50 000 are only now being removed from the region; and further relocations may be required. In neighbouring Belorussia, 18 percent of the arable land is contaminated; and eye diseases, anaemia and cancer among children are all on the increase.

The environment is a global challenge. Canada and the U.S.S.R. are resolved to promote actively, on a bilateral basis as well as with other states, constructive and imaginative responses to the problems which threaten the environment.