

## **UN remarks**

Mr. Under- Secretary General., Ambassadors to the United Nations, all my beloved family and friends.

Thank you all for coming tonight to commemorate the anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. I feel fortunate to be here to show you the film.

Thank you Jan Egeland and everyone in the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for organizing this event

Sheila Nevins of HBO thank you for your generosity in allowing the film to be shown

Thank you Jackie Glover and Jessica Manzi of HBO for all your work in planning this screening

I started the film here in the lobby of the United Nations – when I came to see a photo exhibit about Chernobyl that Adi Roche had organized. The idea for the film blossomed and soon after my visit to the UN I made my first trip to Belarus.

I made three trips to Belarus, each time I met many wonderful, strong, resilient people.

And when I went to a village in the exclusion zone I asked a group of women if they had a message for the people in America, they said just tell them please don't forget us –

After tonight I think you never will