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Young scientists urge world leaders to embrace a nuclear tomorrow

Stockholm, 19 June 2006: The International Youth Nuclear Congress (IYNC), a large and growing network of young nuclear professionals from across the world launched a Declaration today urging world leaders to: acknowledge the contribution that nuclear energy makes – as part of an overall energy mix that includes renewables - to combating climate change, to recognise how nuclear science and technology can help meet the social, economic and environmental objectives that underpins global sustainable development and to embrace a nuclear tomorrow.

The Declaration, entitled IYNC Nuclear Science & Technology was signed by Mr. Alexander TSIBULYA, IYNC Network President, on behalf of IYNC Network – representing thousands of Members from over 50 countries around the world – and presented to the media at a press conference organised to coincide with the Fourth Biannual IYNC Congress, which takes place in Sweden's capital city from 18 – 25 June 2006.

The Declaration emphasises the need to dispense with the ideological arguments, false assumptions and non-scientific approach that has hindered the nuclear debate so far. It also seeks to mobilise political action in order to consider the advantages of nuclear energy and to promote the increased support for nuclear science, technology and its associated research.

Commenting on the Declaration, which highlights the dynamism and commitment of today's young nuclear scientists and engineers, Member of the European Parliament, Mr. Christofer Fjellner, said: "As the nuclear revival gathers momentum across the world, today's brightest young talents in the field of nuclear science and technology have made a strong political statement in favour of developing the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. By using this expertise and harnessing the talent and commitment of young scientists, politicians can be better equipped to tackle some of the crucial issues we face today, like security of energy supply, fighting the effects of climate change and meeting rising energy demand with a safe, plentiful and competitive source of energy. Once again, the young generation is showing the way forward."

By urging politicians to recognise the facts about nuclear energy and to rethink their energy policies accordingly, the IYNC hopes to present a vision of a new nuclear tomorrow that - driven by science, technology and the irresistible energy of youth - can help meet the world's energy needs while preserving the integrity of the environment.

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To consult the full text of the Declaration and learn more about the work of the IYNC, consult the following web site: www.iync.org or see attached.

A press conference will be held marking the official launch of a Declaration on Nuclear Science & Technology on Monday June 19th, 12:15 to 12:45 "Golden Foyer" of the Swedish National Opera House, Stockholm, Sweden. See the attached "IYNC 2006 - Media Advisory" for more details.

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