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The Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the three countries most affected by the Chernobyl accident -- Ambassadors Sergey Lavrov of the Russian Federation, Alyaksandr Sychou of the Republic of Belarus and Anatoli Zlenko of Ukraine -- discuss the lingering impact of that tragedy on their societies. They appeal for continued international support and humanitarian aid to alleviate the plight of the victims, especially children, who already have very high rates of cancer and suffer from other ailments caused by the greatest accidental release of radioactivity ever recorded. They disagree with the findings of the International Atomic Energy Agency, who published a report indicating that the level of contamination is not as great as it has been reported.

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