WHEREAS: The Chernobyl accident is the worst nuclear power plant accident that has ever occurred, and the local and international health impacts may be very significant and controversial;

WHEREAS: The health impacts of the accident need to be scientifically evaluated in detail by the international community in order to substantially increase our collective knowledge of radiation effects and appropriate protection;

WHEREAS: The Republic of Belarus is reported to have received significantly more impact from the Chernobyl accident than any other state in the former Soviet Union;

WHEREAS: It has been estimated that 20% of the land in Belarus is significantly contaminated, and 20% of the population has been significantly impacted;

WHEREAS: It has been reported that significant and somewhat unexpected effects may be occurring which appears contrary to the conclusions of some of the major reports that have been issued;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) requests that the various Federal agencies which are studying the effects of the Chernobyl accident reevaluate their efforts, to date, to ensure that the focus has been correct and that sufficient resources are being provided to adequately understand the effects to properly assist in the necessary international support for all affected populations in the former Soviet Union;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

CRCPD formally requests the United States representative to the United Nations evaluate this situation and ensure that the work of the various United Nations supported organizations that are involved with the Chernobyl accident are properly focused and adequately supported.

Adpoted: May 25, 1994
Original signed by Charles M. Hardin, Executive Director