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Dear Theodore and Cecilia,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for having being selected for participation in the TUNZA International Children Conference on the Environment held in Stavanger from 17 to 20 June and having the possibility of making this wonderful and amazing travel to the charming country of Norway. We are sincerely thankful for the hearty reception and the remarkable organization of all events. We are full of impressions produced by everything we had heard and seen.

We are sure that it is a great stimulus for our further environmental activities and cooperation with you.

We continue our cooperation with the public organizations "Mother-86-Odessa" and "Natural Heritage" within the frames of our Project "Save Our Planet".

We took part in the primary action on separate collection of solid domestic waste and garbage in the city of Odessa on the example of the experimental house №36 in Balkovskaya Street (See the photos №1 attached).

As a result, we have set a task to ourselves – to work out and produce printed information leaflet – addresses to the tenants of this house, where "broken glass" containers for separate accumulation of solid domestic everyday waste and garbage have been installed, in order to raise the level of information concerning this problem and bring them to the people living in the flats of this house.

Residents of Mayaki village in Belyayevka district have appealed to the Regional State Administration, the District State Administration and the District Council demanding to look into the conflicting situation, caused by the large-scale construction in the riverside area of the river Dniester, undertaken by the "Glavstroy Ltd".

Nature is being destroyed in Odessa and Odessa region. Productive pastures and hay-mowing areas, places for rest and fishing will be lost for local dwellers forever as soon as the construction company raises the "Fishing Paradise" and "Water City" cottage settlements – thus the protesting Mayaki residents motivate their counteraction to the "Glavstroy"'s plans. They are not persuaded by the number of permits acquired by the company and the results of public hearings carried out by it.

The last report from the dispute place says: the "Glavstroy Ltd" began to build canals towards the River Dniester bed. The construction is performed near the drinking water supplying systems of the Dniester station.

Ivan Rusev, Head of the Ecology Laboratory after I.I. Mechnikov, reports that a spontaneous picket of Mayaki village residents began on July 23. On Sunday, people will gather for a meeting in order to work out the demands to the local, regional and central

authorities, the main one of which is to defend the legitimate interests of the local residents, to secure odessites against the potential threat, which is formed near Odessa drinking water intake.

On Saturday, August 2, 2008, we are going to Mayaki village to take part in the action of children's protest against the construction of "Water City" and "Fishing Paradise" cottage settlements. We hope to share a lot of important information which we got from the TUNZA Conference, with the children of Mayaki – members of the ecological camp.

On the photo 2: an excavator near Odessa water intake.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Our best regards,

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