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To the Minister of Russian Federation
for civil defense, emergencies
and disaster management
S.K. Shoigu

**Regarding the catastrophic
environmental situation in Tuapse city
and a solution of the problem**

Dear Sergey Kuzhugetovich!

An Initiative group of public movements and political parties “Clean City” addressed the “International league for the defense of human dignity and security” (hereinafter – “International league”) with an appeal to support the citizens of Tuapse – “City of Military Glory”, normalizing the city’s environmental conditions.

Having reviewed the provided documents on the environmental problems of Tuapse, the International league sent a group of its employees to Tuapse; the group acknowledged that the city is in a catastrophic condition. The situation in Tuapse city falls under the Bucharest Convention “On protection of the Black Sea from pollution” of 21.04.1992, ratified by the order of the Supreme Soviet of Russian Federation №5614-1 from 12.08.1993.

In particular, the letter from the city’s residents (out. №71 of 03.06.2008) contains documented facts of illegal activity of several industrial and transport businesses of Tuapse city, which are clearly covered by officials from local and regional authorities, including law enforcement bodies.

According to sanitary rules and norms of sanitary protection zones, environmentally hazardous and dangerous industrial and transport facilities, as well as transit vehicles, should be withdrawn from the city. Land should be rehabilitated.

Solution of the environmental problems of Tuapse city will remove one of the Tuapse city residents’ main arguments against the preparation and conduction of XXII Winter Olympics and XI Winter Paralympics in Sochi in 2014.

The problems of Tuapse can be effectively solved by the implementation of the investment nongovernmental YACONTO Integrated Program, for the construction of a “Commercial Black Sea port YACONTO” for transshipment of over 100 Million tons of cargo annually and an establishment of a Tuapse Naval Base (TNB) as the main point for basing and repair of Russian Black Sea Fleet warships, with an integrated infrastructure for both facilities. Information about the Program can be found in the YACONTO Explanatory Note from 09.05.2008 (enclosed).

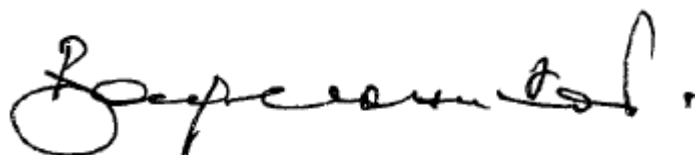
Unfortunately, the transport prosecutors of Tuapse are not interested in conduction of according inspections and suppression of activities of the city’s businesses which brutally violate Russian and international environmental legislation. Hence, involvement of the General Prosecutor’s Office of Russia is required in order to restore the rule of Law.

Dear Sergey Kuzhugetovich, I kindly ask you to support the plea from the initiative group of public movements and political parties “Clean City” (Tuapse), set forth in the letter №71 from 03.06.2008 (enclosed), give orders to conduct a thorough inspection of the facts of unlawful activity of industrial and transport companies of Tuapse city, and to support the implementation of the YACONTO non-state investment Integrated Program, through which environmental problems of Tuapse city and Tuapse region are to be solved, in the Russian Government.

Please consider, and give instructions to inform the International league of your decision.

Attachment: 30 documents on 103 pages and 1 DVD disk.

Respectfully yours,



President of the International League
for the defense of human dignity and security

V.I. Varennikov

(Original document is in Russian.)