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Dear Sir, Norman Swanson!

We beg you to help us to be connected with the international association of lawyers in order to exchange information between your centre of Lawyers International Association and our association concerning the problems of establishment of similar organizations in the towns, cities, regions, republics of Russia.

Yours respectfully  
adviser of justice  
Chygiz E.I.  
the chief of government.

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respected Sirs,

The members of lawyers' association of the town Ukhta in the Komi Republic address to you. Our Association was formed in the ex- USSR, it was formed on the voluntary basis (principles) and exist as the independent public organization. This lawyers' association is registered by the urban executive committee on the 5 th of May in 1988, the number of protocol 239.

This association is a legal entity, has its own independent balance, settlement account in a bank, its own seal, its own office. High qualified lawyers take part in the association, the work is being carried out upon the creation of the united urban bank of legal information, codification of legislative and normative acts on legal and economic questions.

In order to propagandize the acting legislation, learning and education of society concerning the principles of legal government (especially in conditions of sudden changes taking place in Russia), the meaning of independent judicial system (in conditions of its radical reforms), the information of citizens about their rights and duties, as well as possible and proper ways of their realization, widely use all media of communication both in the town and in all regions of the Komi Republic; the press-service of Association is formed; we are busy with publishing activity, we are also the initiators of the association's creation in the other towns and regions of the Komi Republic.

The Association of urban lawyers enters the Union of lawyers of the ex-USSR on the rights of an observer, strictly follows by the standards of the independence of the legal profession. The members of Association carried out and are carrying out a great amount of work rendering assistance, especially legal assistance to enterprises and organizations, at first to the springing up of the new estate of the owners in the town. This legal assistance is directed to the perfection of the legal activity during the passage to the new forms of the thrift (economy) especially by entering the market economy; We defend the rights and the lawful interests of the owners, citizens, help to draw up papers to people going abroad to work or for the permanent residence; carry out the

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legal maintenance to privatization of governmental and municipal property, agrarian, housing and some other funds; assist the elimination of departmental disconnection of lawyers, satisfaction by their professional interests, their protection from groundless restrictions and breaches; we interact (co-operate) with some governmental and public organizations and etc. For invalids, retired, needy(poor), large families this legal assistance is carried out with the Association free of charge.

In its activity the Association goes through severe trials connected with secret or evident opposition of the former party leaders, nomenclature workers, leaders of the enterprises and monopolists' organizations; their fight against putting into practice the Decrees of the President of Russia, the governmental decisions and other legal and legislative acts.

The Association has no possibility to defend the rights and interests, to provide legal aid, to give consultations to all persons leaving the former USSR and the present Commonwealth of the Independent States; a lot of problems arise in connection with the separation of the former Soviet republics and the establishment of the new relations between them and Russia.

Entering the International Association of Lawyers undoubtedly would help us to solve these and some other problems.

We wish you to perfect (to improve) our activity approaching it to the international, civilized standards. That is why we ask to inform us about the possibility and the admittance conditions into the International Association, about the requirements needed for such independent public organizations as ours, the rules of the admittance and the duties of the members of the International Lawyers Association.

The duplicate of the urban lawyers' association charter is presented.

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