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MOSCOW AND MOSCOW REGION: ECOLOGICAL FOCUS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

Proceeding from the ecological priorities for the sustainable development of cities, city agglomerations and urbanized regions the global experience shows a necessity for a single strategy to regulate the processes of urban development and defining the limits of perspective use of a territory in order to preserve its natural originality. The sustainable development of Moscow and the Moscow Region as an integrated regional economic and natural complex which plays the most important part in Russia's economy must be based on the integrated solution to the problems of shaping the single complex.

To achieve this objective we need the production of ecologically safe agricultural goods in the region, improve the quality and reliability of water supply systems, rehabilitate and recultivate ecologically hazardous areas such as random waste dumps, sewerage purification facilities, set up an effective regional system for collecting, disinfecting and recycling of solid wastes, build local environment friendly heat plants and purification systems, restore and preserve the natural landscapes, preserve open spaces and rural landscapes, improve and develop the system of rural and recreational settlements as well as towns, etc.

We hope that Moscow Capital Region has real prerequisites for promising a sustainable development. This can become a reality in case of constant attention to this problem from the authorities of all levels – from municipal to federal ones –in case of further improvements of the legal base and of economic incentives experience and of involvement of the population in formulating and implementation of sustainable environmental policies in the field of the urban development.

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