

Lisbon, February 2015

**President Vladimir Putin**

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to draw your attention to the future that the **INION building** faces in this moment after being severely damaged by a fire past January, 2015.

According to recent correspondences with Docomomo Russia, and the information gathered among all international forums with expression worldwide media, DO.CO.MO.MO. (the international committee for the DOcumentation and COnservation of buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the MOdern MOvement) painfully realizes that the INION Library is under threat of not being restored to its previous state.

The **INION building** is an outstanding building, and a masterpiece of architect Yakov Belopolsky, that houses one of the most important scientific centers in Russia, as well as an invaluable collection of funds dating back from the XVI<sup>th</sup> century from all branches of human knowledge.

DO.CO.MO.MO. International is aware of the concern that the present situation has produced in architectural and conservation circles worldwide. We fully support our colleagues from Docomomo Russia and the group of experts involved in their efforts to restore the **INION building** to its original state following a fully scientific program.

Dear Mr. President, I wish to say, as DO.CO.MO.MO. International Chair, that the **INION Library** building is one of the symbols of Russian science and culture and that it should be preserved for future generations.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Docomomo International