We are addressing you touched with the deep feelings caused by the recent tragedy in our country – Czech Republic – and countries of our Central European neighbours.

The natural disaster struck wide territories, forced thousands of people to leave their homes, it paralysed industry, agriculture and transportation, damaged historical monuments and modern cultural equipment, it caused enormous ecological damages. It killed human lives.

From the first moments we all witnessed extraordinarily strong solidarity with the victims of the catastrophe, that crossed the borders of our small country. People in the affected areas receive assistance and support not only from neighbours and co-citizens but from dozens of close and remote countries of the world.

We know that suffering of a similar kind is nothing extraordinary in the global scope. Not only mad elements – fires, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, not only large industrial and ecological catastrophes, but unfortunately also armed collisions bring damages and draw citizens of all continents into blanks. The touch of solidarity at least mitigates material losses and provides invaluable moral and psychic support at difficult moments.

We believe that the phenomenon of solidarity is a big topic of the period that we often perceive as the ice age of human relationships. We believe that it is the time to be able to reflect its human face; to be able to sensitively hold it and show it by graphical means. The poster is the medium that joins emotionality of art message with the ability to communicate the idea. The Association of Decorative Graphics and Graphical Design of the Syndicate of Fine Artists has decided to organise the international exhibition of posters SOLIDARITY in Prague and invites you to participate in this event.

We believe that your work will not be missing from this project.

Karel Míšek Chairman of the Association of Decorative Graphics and Graphical Design

International Exhibition of Posters SOLIDARITY

Prague, 7 – 30 November 2002, Galerie bratří Čapků

Conditions of Participation

- I. Both professionals and students of art can participate in the exhibition.
- II. The posters have to be delivered by mail to the Association's address no later than by 30 October 2002.
- III. The posters have to be printed in digital or screen print.
- IV. The required format is 70x100 cm. The number of proposals is unlimited.
- V. 1 copy of works has to be sent on CD in Illustrator, Freehand, EPS, TIFF.
- VI. The text SOLIDARITY can be used in the language of the author.
- VII. The posters must be sent as following address and printed matter of "non commercial value". The organizer will not undertake any customs clearance and the parcel will be sent back. Please note that posters will not be returned and will be kept as a part of the collection of association.

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Voluntary financial contribution

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to make a financial contribution. From these contributions we will cover the costs associated with the exhibition. After its end any proceeds will be transferred to the humanitarian fund to help the regions affected by floods.

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