30 Years of AIDS Prevention

On May 12, 2011 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the stamp “30 years of AIDS prevention”.

The stamp design includes the logo of UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS).

**Designer:** Artiom Rybcinski. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** full colour. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** comb 13⅜:13Ⅲ⁄Ⅳ. **Size of the stamp:** 26x37 mm. **Sheet composition:** 8 stamps & 1 coupon. **Size of the sheet:** 102x132 mm. **Print quantity:** 56.000 stamps.

**No. 873**

Letter “H” is equal to the surface tariff of a letter up to 20 gram abroad.

**Historical reference:** On June 1981 American scientists informed about the first clinical case of the decease that later was called the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). In 1983 they found out the cause of the decease human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). 30 years later the epidemic of AIDS has spread all over the world. More than 60 million people were infected with HIV.

As on March 1, 2011 in the Republic of Belarus they recorded 11929 HIV cases, among them children — 194 cases.

**Colour of the postmark - black.**

**Special postmark and FDC** designed by A. Rybcinski.

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Main Post Office of Minsk on the stamp issuing day.