

## **Statement during Subcommittee meeting of the CPR**

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**Mr. Chair,**

**Excellencies,**

**Distinguished participants,**

Good afternoon. I would like to start by expressing our gratitude to UNEP Secretariat for your support and for the distribution among CPR Member States and all other relevant stockholders of the information prepared by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine regarding the environmental damage inflicted by the Russian aggression in Ukraine.

In the mentioned document, you will find some data and scientific analysis on negative impact of the invasion on environment in Ukraine including but not limited to the biodiversity, forestry, water and air pollution.

We strongly believe that this information obtained both, by Ukrainian side and by independent sources will demonstrate to UNEP and its Member States that there is a need to prepare an assessment and concrete actions for combating the environmental threats and challenges, posed by Russian invasion.

We also highly appreciate the rapid response of UNEP and its readiness to help in resolving environmental issues in Ukraine within its mandate. We strongly believe that active involvement of UNEP throughout its effective mechanisms as well as Program's serious expertise will highly contribute to the efforts of the Government of Ukraine and our other partners to safeguard the nature and biodiversity in Ukraine and Europe.

**Dear colleagues,**

Once again, I would like to emphasize, my Delegation considers UNEP as a universal fora for dealing with environmental issues.

We kindly ask all delegation to stand with us on resolving environmental issues, caused by the invasion of Russian Federation and not to tolerate any attempts to use UNEP as a fora for spreading propaganda and fake news.

**Thank you.**