

## **Russia - Statement - Agenda item 4**

We cannot agree with the statement that the US are the leaders of the international climate process. For many years this country was not ratifying Kyoto Protocol and joined the Paris Agreement with self-lowered baseline of emissions of 2005 - the year when the highest level greenhouse gas emissions in the US was reached. While the rest of the world take the baseline of 1991.

As we know, now the western countries are trying to replace Russian pipeline gas with liquefied natural gas, in particular from the United States, with its supplies to Europe increased by 23 billion cubic meters over the last 6 months of this year compared to the last year, which has already led to an increase in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions by 13 million tons. LNG deliveries have a higher carbon footprint due to the high energy intensity of liquefying, shipping and regasification. In addition, LNG production and transportation are accompanied by methane leaks. These steps contradict the stated goals of the West to reduce methane emissions, including under the Global Methane Pledge.

The gas supplies to the EU come from natural gas extracted by fracking technology in the United States, which is an environmentally dangerous process and contradicts to the environmental ambitions declared by the US.

In this regard we would like to know if the North America UNEP regional office is planning to conduct an assessment of the negative environmental consequences of the increased extraction of natural gas by fracking in the US?