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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Nairobi presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and in relation to the draft version of the Ministerial Declaration of the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) has the honour to communicate the following.

The Russian Side proposes to insert the word “environmental” before the word “security” in the text of paragraph 3 of the draft Declaration in accordance with the language contained in paragraph 52 (c) of the United Nations Environment Programme strategy for 2022–2025.

Taking into account, that the adoption of the UN Human Rights Council resolution on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is explicitly mentioned in paragraph 5, the Russian Side proposes to remove a reference to “the attainment of the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment for all” from paragraph 3.

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The Russian side is not in a position to agree with the additional text proposed in Note Verbale of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Kenya No. 61619/28-199-66287 dated June 7, 2023 as leading to an inappropriate politization of the work of the upcoming UNEA-6. In case the text in question appears in the later versions of the draft Declaration, the Russian Side requests to include in it the following alternative language:

*"We strongly condemn the destruction of biodiversity, ruining of infrastructure, pollution of drinking water sources, massive emissions of greenhouse gases, destruction of forests, the risks at nuclear facilities, destruction of the Novaya Kakhovka dam on the Dnieper river as well as the Tolyatti-Odessa ammonia pipeline by the armed forces of Ukraine."*

The Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to UNEP the assurances of its highest consideration.

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