



**Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine during
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**Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished participants,**

Good morning.

First of all, the Delegation of Ukraine welcomes the Report of the Executive Director and appreciates the efforts of entire UNEP team towards the achieving of our common goal – preserving global environment for future generations.

We are deeply grateful for UNEP Secretariat and personally Madam Executive Director for their continuing efforts aimed at combating negative consequences of unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine which resulted in terrible consequences to the environment.

Ukrainian side highly appreciates the work of UNEP on the creation of the Platform for action on the green recovery of Ukraine.

This initiative will undoubtedly contribute to the preservation and post-war recovery of the Ukrainian environment.

Distinguished participants,

The situation with the environment in Ukraine due to the ongoing military aggression keeps deteriorating. The continuing terrorist attack on Ukraine, committed by Kremlin, has made it much more complicated.

The Russian Federation is focused on destroying the Ukrainian energy infrastructure. On 26th of August 2024, the Russian military troops targeted the Kyiv dam, which a part of the Kyiv Hydroelectric Power Plant. If the dam were to collapse, a significant portion of Kyiv, hundreds of cities and villages would be flooded.

Taking this into account, we call on UNEP to continue their important work in identifying acute environmental risks and supporting the Government of Ukraine's efforts to reduce the negative impact on the environment..

Dear colleagues,

Once again, we would like to underline that Ukraine considers UNEP as a universal forum for dealing with environmental issues.

Acting together with UNEP, we will be able to minimize the negative impacts of the invasion to the environment and restore the nature of Ukraine, as well as prevent possible threats in the future that could negatively affect the environment of the world.

Our task today is to preserve the nature and biological diversity of the planet for future generations.

We must stand together and make effort in the fight against serious negative impact, taking place in different parts of the world, especially in the conflict affected areas.

Thank you.