

Reply of the Russian Delegation to the Statement of Ukraine

Madam Executive Director, Excellencies,

First of all, we would like to stress that according to Nairobi spirit so widely supported in this house this meeting is no place to resort to political statements, unfortunately this is what one of the delegations has just done.

As much as I hate to take the time away to from environmental challenges of today, I will have to reply to those.

Let me dismiss those remarks as completely false and misleading. I am proud to say that Russian Army is currently involved in operation to protect the Russian-speaking people who are targeted by Kiev regime since 2014. I am also proud to inform the esteemed gathering that our strikes are specifically aimed only at military and industrial objects that are used for military purposes. The targets are verified and double checked before the strikes. This is a strict military protocol policy.

On contrast, I regret to inform, that Kiev regime as we speak conducts irresponsible fire attacks against Zaporozhskaya atomic power plant – a terrorist act with possibly terrible consequences. This is happening as we speak, ladies and gentlemen.

Historically, the biggest environmental crime remains, of course, the targeted destruction of Kakhovka dam.

I would like to remind that at the time of destruction the Russian Forces were deployed across downstream territories and that is why the collapse of the Dam posed a critical threat to them. That means that the only beneficiary of the disaster were the Ukrainian troops.

Ladies and Gentlemen, my delegation again reiterates my regret to take this time as I am forced to reply to the double-faced and hypocritical commentary by the Ukrainian delegate. I call on the esteemed delegations to refrain from further divisive and inflammatory remarks.