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Statement by Ukraine

on the Statement by the Russian Federation on the "Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of Ukraine to a new Global Climate Agreement"

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol are the integral part of the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian side considers the Statement by the Russian Federation as of 23 October 2015 on the "Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of Ukraine to a new Global Climate Agreement" as another desperate attempt to justify so-called "referendum" in Crimea, which was conducted with severe violations of Ukrainian legislation and under the pins of guns.

The international community has recognized neither the validity of the referendum, nor the occupation and annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

At the UN General Assembly Resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014 "The territorial integrity of Ukraine" the international community has given a strict reply to the attempts of Russian invaders on legitimization of their illegal actions through staging illegal and rigged "referendum" conducted under the muzzles of Russian weapons. The international community emphasized that «referendum» «having no validity, cannot form the basis for any alteration of the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or of the city of Sevastopol».

We call on the international community to strengthen attention to the occupied Crimea, consolidate international pressure on Russia for its return to the mainstream of international law, abolishing of all illegal decisions that led to the temporary occupation of Ukrainian territory and compensation for losses caused to Ukraine and its citizens.