

Statement by the Russian Federation regarding to the National inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases for the period 1990-2020 submitted by Ukraine

Ukraine's National inventory report of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases for the period 1990-2020 submitted to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and posted on the UNFCCC official web-site contains allegations of the so-called "the occupation and attempted annexation of Crimea and armed aggression by the Russian Federation". The territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Sevastopol and certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions are referred in the above-mentioned document as "temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation".

In this regard, the Russian Federation clearly states that the declaration of independence of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Crimea's integration into the Russian Federation ensures implementation of one of the fundamental UN principles - the principle of equal rights and self-determination by peoples and fully correspond to the *Declaration on principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations (1970)* according to which the "the establishment of a sovereign and independent State, the free association or integration with an independent State or the emergence into any other political status freely determined by a people constitute modes of implementing the right of self-determination by that people".

As a result of implementation of the right to self-determination by the people of Crimea, the Republic of Crimea and the Federal City of Sevastopol are now subjected to the sovereignty of the Russian Federation after they became constituent entities of the Russian Federation with the adaptation of the Federal Constitutional Law of the Russian Federation *On the Accession of the Republic of Crimea to the Russian Federation and the Establishment of New Constituent Entities within the Russian Federation - the Republic of Crimea and the Federal City of Sevastopol*. (March 21, 2014). The Russian Federation would also like to emphasize that it recognizes the independence and sovereignty of the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic, the States that emerged as a result of implementation by their peoples of the right to self-determination and free development. The allegations contained in the abovementioned report by Ukraine are absolutely incorrect and unacceptable.

The Russian Federation is convinced that a pragmatic and non-politicized approach to the work under the aegis of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the related instruments – the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement is an essential condition for successful development of the international cooperation to fight the global climate change – one of the main challenges of the present time.