

## **The statement of Ukraine at resumed HLS**

**Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguish colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me express our sincere gratitude to the people of Republic of Poland and the city of Katowice for their warm and friendly hospitality and excellent organization of COP 24.

The latest special report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change contains bad news for humanity – global warming is likely to reach 1,5°C more sooner than expected earlier if it continues to increase at current rate. To avoid this scenario all Parties shall start declining GHG emissions pathways as soon as possible.

Ukraine is one of the leaders among Parties in continuously reducing its net GHG emissions. Only for the last 10 years, Ukraine has cut its GHG emissions cumulatively by 4.4 billons tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, that is 11% of current global annual emissions. Such a great contribution by Ukraine to the global efforts to combat climate change has been continuously made despite the Russian armed aggression against my country.

The Ukrainian Donbas became a shooting range for Russian regular troops. Flooding of mines, destruction of natural habitats, increased water and air pollution with potential catastrophic regional consequences are the environmental crimes perpetrated by the Russian Federation. Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine and the temporary occupation of Crimea and part of Donbas were condemned by the international community and responded by sanctions. As Russia persists in its aggressive course of action, the sanction track must be further strengthened.

Even under such difficult circumstances, Ukraine consistently works towards stepping up of its efforts in combating climate change.

Being one of the very first Parties to the Paris Agreement, Ukraine has already developed and adopted its 2050 Low Emission Development Strategy. As indicated in its Low Emission Development Strategy, Ukraine will strive to achieve economy-wide GHG emissions target of 31-34% by 2050 compared to 1990 level. Ukraine has launched the revision of first NDC with the aim to reflect the highest possible ambition of my country.

For Ukraine, successful Katowice outcome would be the adoption of robust *Rules and Procedures* of the Paris Agreement that addresses in transparent and fair way the issues of differentiation and flexibility, transparency and Article 6, adaptation and finance.

We must ensure that Paris Agreement Rule Book safeguards the principles of Paris Agreement. The Rule Book must ensure reliability, comparability and transparency of NDCs. At the same time, the reporting framework should provide the platform for international community to understand where we are and how we are going to reach the Paris Agreement goals. The avoidance of double counting of emissions, territories and efforts is one the mechanisms of achieving it.

Let me also recall to all Parties and UNFCCC Secretariat the paragraph 6 of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution “Territorial integrity of Ukraine” which calls upon *all countries, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize any alteration of the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol*. In this regard, we call upon all Parties and the Secretariat to strictly abide by the provisions of this resolution in what refers to the submissions made by the Russian Federation.

I urge all Parties to unite and put their effort to ensure successful outcome of this COP in Katowice and adopt robust Paris Rule book, that will enable successful implementation of Paris Agreement.

**I thank you, Mr. President**