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**by Mr. Serhii Kurykin, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of
Ukraine at the High-Level Segment of the resumed session of the Sixth
Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on
Climate Change**

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Your Excellency President of the Conference,

Dear Executive Secretary of the Convention,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour for me on behalf of Ukraine to address you at the resumed session of the Sixth Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

And it is no less honour to re-confirm the readiness of my country to implement the commitments in the framework of the Convention and the intentions on Kyoto Protocol as well as the readiness to do our best about the practical realization of these documents.

In our view, the further development of the Convention which secured the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol should be advanced with the agreement on the mechanisms of its realization. The further development of mechanisms providing the real reduction of the greenhouse gases emissions is able to speed up the Protocol ratification process.

The mechanisms of the Protocol realization should be integrated into the system of the sustainable development mechanisms as far as the implementation of the Convention commitments requires, inter alia, the solving of the poorness problem. We believe such an implementation should also count on the specifics of the development of various countries, in particular the economies in transition.

Our delegation considers the elaboration of real and efficient mechanisms of the realization of the Protocol to be of utmost importance. In our view, the mechanisms should be strict and transparent to assure the public that the final aim – i.e., the reduction of emissions, not their redistribution -- is being achieved to preserve the climate of our planet. There must be an obvious reduction of emissions. At the same time, there should be a careful approach towards a too complicated compliance system.

I would like to draw the attention of the participants of the Conference to the fact that the achieved reduction of the greenhouse gases emissions in Ukraine was caused primarily by the restructurazation processes of our economy during the transition period. We are convinced that the forecasted increase of the industrial production must be made with the implication of new technologies in which – in the framework of the joint implementation projects – is vividly interested Ukraine.

We are also interested in the creation of flexible mechanisms for the advanced implication of new technologies. This, in our view, is a principle direction of the realization of the Convention and Protocol goals. In this regard Ukraine will support the projects that provide the transfer of these modern energy cost and environmentally sound technologies.

In general Ukraine supports the proposals aimed at the inclusion of the greenhouse gases sinks into the counting of the emissions reduction, although this phenomenon require a ground scientific research by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Our country has potential possibilities on the forestry and is interested in the realization of the projects that count the CO₂ sinking.

Ukraine can not accept the revision of the Convention especially in the part of the existing flexibility for the economies in transition. We neither can accept the

additional commitments for these countries and deny any proposal on increase of the Kyoto Protocol commitments in connection with the possible United States withdrawing from the Protocol.

Ukraine as well as other transition economies has large potential for the further efficient reduction of emissions if the modernization of its industry -- on the base of the wide implication of the energy and nature preserving technologies and the renewable energy sources -- will be made.

Mr. President, Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

I would like to emphasize the unacceptance of the new financial commitments for the economies in transition especially in the framework of the creation of new funds. Ukraine instead stands for the accessibility of the ses funds -- in particular, the Special Climate Change Fund and the Adaptation Fund -- not only for the developing countries but also for the economies in transition. The financing of the technology transfer under the Special Climate Change Fund should be also accessible for the economies in transition.

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Highlighting the aforementioned position our delegation nevertheless stands ready for the further negotiations aimed at the search of the consensus solutions.

Ukraine, willing to achieve the final aim of the Convention, looks optimistically into the future and will fairly implement its commitments.

We are deeply convinced that only with the realization by all the countries ^{of} the common interest in preventing the global climate change will secure the success for our Conference. The future of next generations depends upon our today's decisions.

Thank you.