

## JOINT STATEMENT<sup>1</sup>

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**regarding the Platform for Action on the Green Recovery of Ukraine**

From 5 to 7 October 2022, Ministers and Heads of Delegation from 42 countries of the UNECE region and the representative of the European Union met in Nicosia, in the framework of the [Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference](#), and invited the UNECE Secretariat, in cooperation with UNEP, the OECD and others, to prioritize assessing the most urgent environmental needs in Ukraine based upon the methodology of the UNECE Environmental Performance Review Programme and on the results of ongoing and planned impacts assessments, and to make recommendations to advance a sustainable recovery of the country, in line with the Lugano Declaration and its seven principles adopted at the Ukraine Recovery Conference of 4-5 July 2022. Further, the Sixth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 6), held on 26 February to 1 March 2024 in Nairobi, adopted the [Resolution 6/12 “Environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflict”](#), which strengthens UNEP’s mandate in providing assistance to conflict-affected countries to assess the environmental impacts of armed conflicts and recover in a greener way. In parallel, the OECD Council at Ministerial level welcomed the launch of a four-year [OECD-Ukraine Country Programme](#) in June 2023, which focuses among other themes on environmental sustainability and energy, and OECD Ministers reiterated their firm commitment to Ukraine’s recovery and reconstruction including through the OECD-Ukraine Country Programme at the [2024 Meeting of the OECD Council at Ministerial level](#).

In this context, the Secretariats of UNECE, UNEP, the OECD and the Government of Ukraine have held productive consultations on means to advance a post-war green and sustainable recovery of Ukraine.

As a result, the Secretariats of UNECE, UNEP and the OECD wish to deepen their cooperation and work together to enhance and further coordinate their support to the green recovery of Ukraine. To

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<sup>1</sup> *The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), as a Regional Commission of the United Nations, has the aim of promoting the economic development and integration of Europe and has been mandated to undertake environmental performance reviews of UNECE member States with economies in transition.*

*The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is a global programme of the United Nations (UN) that sets the environmental agenda and promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the UN system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.*

*The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that works to build better policies for better lives. Its goal is to shape policies that foster prosperity, equality, opportunity and well-being for all.*



that end, they will bring together their efforts to support a *Platform for Action on the Green Recovery of Ukraine* (the "Platform") a forum for Ukrainian and international partners to define the meaning of green recovery for Ukraine; support actions to prioritise and accelerate reform of policies and legislation, practices and institutions and to mobilize whole-of-government commitment and engagement for greening the post-war recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine; and support the development of amendments to the financial constitution and financial instruments which can facilitate the implementation of Ukraine's national Green Recovery Strategy. Additionally, the Secretariats of UNECE, UNEP and the OECD will support coordination and mobilisation of additional expertise and funding to promote a science-based, systemic and coordinated green recovery and set Ukraine on a net zero and climate-resilient development trajectory and help identify challenges and opportunities for strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of international support in close cooperation with already existing support formats.

The Secretariats of UNECE, UNEP and the OECD will work together in a coordination group to provide direction on the overall strategy and long-term goals of their support to Ukraine and thematic priorities, taking into consideration the consultations of a stakeholder forum. The coordination group will also support monitoring the progress of the Platform towards its objectives and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of its activities.

A Support Unit will be set up by UNEP in Kyiv to facilitate this cooperation and the implementation of activities to achieve the Platform's objectives, subject to the availability of the necessary resources.

The Secretariats of UNECE, UNEP and the OECD will review the progress achieved in their cooperation after a period of three years and consider any further measures that may be desirable to enhance that cooperation.

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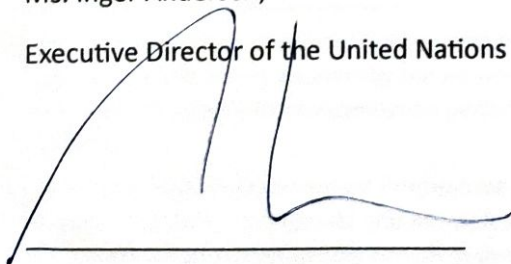
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