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The Environmental NGOs members of Working Group 3 "Environment, Climate Change and Energy Security" of the Ukrainian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum and Working Group 5 "Energy, Transport, Environment and Climate Change" of the Ukrainian side of the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform express their assurance of high esteem and gratitude for the actions taken by the European Commission with regard to Ukraine's relief and reconstruction in particular for setting up a framework for the strategic plan for Ukraine's post-war reconstruction - 'RebuildUkraine'.

We are deeply grateful to the European Commission for firm anchoring the reconstruction plans to the green and digital transitions as well as fundamental European values. Today we address the European Commission a request to fully include all previous Ukraine's obligations in terms of transposing and implementing environmental EU *acquis* into all the reconstruction plans including the 'RebuildUkraine'.

We strongly feel that the 'RebuildUkraine' reconstruction plan, while outlining key reforms and investments necessary to build a prosperous and sustainable future for Ukraine has to list all the environmental reforms initiated in light of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement before the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine.

On 28 February 2022, Ukraine applied for EU membership, and expressed a strong will to link reconstruction with reforms on its European path. We believe that environmental reforms are indispensable and intrinsic features of new Ukraine - a free, prosperous and resilient country well integrated into the European and global economy.

We are also grateful for the positive assessment of Ukraine's application for candidate status and share the European Commission's warnings about delaying reforms in legislation on environment and climate action that hinder economic development.

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We call upon the European Commission to clearly link the ‘RebuildUkraine’ reconstruction plan with environmental reforms and alignment of domestic legislation with the environmental EU acquis. These reforms should include at least the following

- environmental monitoring, including monitoring of emissions into the environment, monitoring of the state of the environment and its components, monitoring of environmental impacts;
- environmental enforcement and liability;
- environmental assessments including environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment;
- access to environmental information, transparency and public participation in decision-making processes on matters related to the environment;
- sustainable forestry and agriculture;
- circular economy and waste management;
- sustainable water management;
- protection of biodiversity;
- environmental financing;
- development of sustainable mobility, limitation of air pollution in transport.

Reforms in these areas will help Ukraine to emerge stronger and more resilient from the devastation of the Russian invasion and implement good environmental governance model. In time, they will also support Ukraine in pursuing its European path.

We would like to emphasize that EU’s involvement in reconstruction of Ukraine in a way that Ukraine becomes a part of the European family is of a paramount importance.

We remain at your disposal with any necessary assistance that we may provide.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Ukrainian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (<http://eap-csf.org.ua/>) is a network of more than 150 non-governmental organizations in Ukraine that advocates Ukrainian interests within the framework of the Eastern Partnership. The platform is part of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF). The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum is unique multi-layered regional civil society platform aimed at promoting European integration, facilitating reforms and democratic transformations in the six Eastern Partnership countries - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Serving as the civil society and people-to-people dimension of the Eastern Partnership, the EaP CSF strives to strengthen civil society in the region, boost pluralism in public discourse and policy making by promoting participatory democracy and fundamental freedoms. The EaP CSF is a non-partisan bona fide non-governmental organisation.

The Ukrainian side of the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform (<https://eu-ua-csp.org.ua/>) is the national part of the Ukraine-EU Civil Society Platform, one of the official bilateral bodies of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. In accordance with Articles 469-470 of the Association Agreement, the Platform officially represents the interests of civil society of Ukraine and the EU in the process of implementation of the Agreement, monitors and publicly controls its implementation. From the Ukrainian side, the Platform includes 15 members - representatives of public associations, trade unions and employers' organizations. Under their auspices, the CSS unites 282 organizations.

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