



**Fridays For Future #NoMoreEmptyPromises!**

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## **Civil Appeal of Children and Youth with Remarks**

### **regarding the draft of the second National Determined Contribution of Ukraine to the Paris Agreement**

After the Strikes on March 19, 2021 we were told by the Ministry of Environment and Resources of Ukraine - that more ambitious NDC and climate action requires the interest of all ministries of Ukraine - but weren't you all entrusted with the future of children and youth?



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We have to remind you that the adoption of the Second Nationally Determined Contribution of Ukraine is a responsible step for protection of children and youth - generations who must inherit this world. The climate crisis is a reality for millions of people that are already suffering across many regions on our planet.

For years, all over the world, the climate movement and young people have been forced to go on street strikes instead of their usual lives just to stand for what they should be entitled to - Health, Safety, and confidence in their future, which leaders' inaction takes away from us.

Fridays For Future (youth climate justice movement) is an international youth public association - an initiative of young climate activists, which is supported by human rights and public associations, institutions and organizations in 201 countries.

According to the **Lausanne Climate Declaration** of August 2019, our demands are:

- 1) Keep the global temperature rise below 1.5 °C compared to pre-industrial levels.
- 2) Ensure climate justice and equity.
- 3) Listen to the best united science currently available.

According to the UN in Ukraine, young people are interested and ready to participate in promoting ambitious climate solutions, and taking part in decision-making processes, 84.1% of youth expect that Ukraine will reduce emission until 2030. UN and other international organizations and institutions are calling global leadership for immediate climate action and urges to recognize the critical role of young people as agents of change. **Fridays For Future Ukraine** as well openly shows Its interest to take part to take part in "**National Forum Ukraine 30, Children, Youth Policy**" dedicated to **International Children's Day, which is co-organized by UNICEF Ukraine**

**Considering the Open Letter of the 20th April 2021 to You from the Ukrainian Climate Network, the association of 35 environmental NGOs from all across Ukraine, and taking into account the position of the Ukrainian NGO Ecoaction**, where activists, experts and scientists express recommendations and call You to approve the Second Nationally Determined Contribution of Ukraine according to The Paris Agreement (NDC-2);

Recognizing that the current project of NDC-2 sets out reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 65% from 1990 level to limit global warming to below +2 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels.



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Emphasising the duties of Ukraine as a party to the Paris Agreement to respect, promote and consider the appropriate duties according to Human Rights, including Children's Rights and intergenerational justice as part of climate change solution decisions.

Pointing to the fact that the NDC of any country has a lasting global impact on the well-being of present and all future generations.

Affirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and all human rights instruments relating to the protection, promotion, respect and realization of the human rights of all children and young people.

Considering that children face increased and specific risks due to climate change, that these effects already occur and that the most disadvantaged and marginalized children bear the greatest burden.

Recalling, inter alia, the Global Youth Declaration on Climate Action, the Kwon Gesh Promise, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, the ongoing work of the Global Initiative to Promote Children's Rights to a Healthy Environment and the People's Summit on Climate, Human Rights and Survival.

Recalling about the lawsuit from 6 young people from Portugal of a middle-income background to 33 European countries, including Ukraine, for violation of their basic constitutional and universal human rights due to the insufficient measures to counteract the climate crisis to the European Court of Human Rights (Case № 39371/20).

Reminding also of Human Rights Council Resolutions 37/8, 35/20 and 40/11 concerning the rights of children and young people with regard to environmental damage and climate change, and that a safe climate is a vital element of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment and is important for human life and well-being.

**We are Children and Youth public initiative group - Fridays For Future in Ukraine, and the people form the international community who signed this appeal in solidarity with us.**

**Together we demand you to listen to the best science currently available and ACT:**

1) Adopt a more ambitious Second Nationally Determined Contribution for Ukraine, that would provide for a reduction by 2030 of at least **73%** in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels (or actually only ~ 30% from 2018 level), in line with the



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Paris Agreement goal to limit global warming to below +1.5 degrees Celsius compared to the pre-industrial period, complying with the best available scientific conclusions, provided in the “Climate Neutral Economy Scenario” of EBRD-funded Modelling Report on NDC2 for Ukraine;

2) Immediately start implementing greenhouse gas emission reduction and environmental protection measures across all sectors: energy, housing, industry, transportation and agriculture in a coordinated and strategic manner with engagement of all relevant state institutions, local governments and state-owned companies;

3) Create in shortest possible term a comprehensive digitized national Monitoring Reporting and Verification system to have full and precise account of GHG emissions in Ukraine as a basis for mitigation measures;

4) Phase-out all subsidies for fossil fuels and bring Ukraine’s CO2 tax to EU average levels with an expanded list of industries and sectors that are taxed (including those with less than 500 tons of annual CO2 emissions);

5) Adjust all big infrastructure projects, programs and city development plans to prioritize decarbonization and adaptation to climate change;

6) Prioritize nature-based solutions, such as peatland restoration and protection of forests against logging, for mitigation and adaptation, allocate at least 25% (EU average) of territory to protected areas and wildlife habitats;

7) Ensure public participation, including opportunities for youth representatives, in the decision making processes regarding mitigation and adaptation measures, plans and strategies.

**Please consider delivery using your leadership mandate in a dignified manner, or resign from duties.**

**We are watching you.**

***We value actions - not empty words!  
We demand #NoMoreEmptyPromises!***



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I ask you when considering this appeal to ensure compliance with our rights under Art. 18 of the Law of Ukraine "On citizens' appeals" (I also set out in detail measures to ensure the realization of our rights, in accordance with the Law).

Please provide a written answer on the results of the application in electronic form within the period prescribed by law to the e-mail address PO box 26, Kyiv, 01032 and a scanned copy to the e-mail address: [ukraine@fridaysforfuture.org](mailto:ukraine@fridaysforfuture.org), contact phone: 00 380 955 699 344.

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As part of Fridays For Future, we do our best to make children, young people and the public around the world aware of the ambition Ukraine is contributing towards Climate Action for their health, life and future - for which you are responsible as part of your mandate.

**More signatures will be sent to you closer to the decision making meeting on NDC-2**