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**Implementation of multilateral environmental agreements of UN ECE  
Environmental Performance Reviews**

Mr. Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. The crucial issue of all international environmental agreements should be a sustainable development approach. The integrity of connecting the environment with the economy and social issues should be highlighted here.

2. Poland is a signatory of 33 international agreements concerning environmental protection. Our country has adopted all important international obligations in the field of environmental protection. Claiming that global environmental issues may be solved only by way of mutual solidarity, with the objective of ensuring sustainable development.

3. The adopted agreements entail numerous obligations and necessary actions which are comprehensively taken up not only by the environment but also in the economic and social aspect. The Convention on climate change together with the Kyoto protocol obligates to stabilise the emission and further reduction of greenhouse gases emission, which results in necessary actions taken up in many sectors of the economy, including energy, transport, agriculture, industry, construction and forestry, with a contribution of a society.

4. One of the main issues, which has to be addressed in the near future is whether actions, taken up globally, can be more effective in holding back adverse processes? How to tie up actions connected with various international agreements, e.g. Climate Convention, Convention of Desertification, Convention to Combat Floods and Droughts etc. Undoubtedly, additional mutual support may be gained by coordinating actions in these areas.

5. An example for this may be the creation of such mechanisms within the framework of the Climate Convention, which would efficiently increase absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> by forests - by preventing deforestation and stimulating forestation. Greater impact, not only on restricting the increase in concentration of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, but also on simultaneous increase in biodiversity and counteracting desertification as well droughts and protection against floods.

6. In conclusion I would like to mention the necessity to improve the UN system, with the objective of creating more effective and rational system, useful for all countries in effect we may achieve better coordination and consistency in implementing multilateral agreements in the field of environment protection, and improved functioning of institutional frameworks in the area of environment protection.

Thank you for your attention.