

**Polish intervention for the  
6th Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” – Belgrade**

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***Topic 5 a. - Plenary session and panel discussion (intervention up to 3 minutes)*  
Progress and perspectives in implementation of the Environment Strategy for  
countries of EECCA  
and of the Central Asia Initiative for Sustainable Development**

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguish Delegates

1. Poland expresses its in-depth understanding of problems which EECCA countries face, since Poland itself was in a similar situation at the beginning of the 90s.
2. Transformations experienced by Poland, including those in the environment area, resulted in substantial decrease in the emission of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxides, particles, greenhouse gasses, with the parallel increase of gross domestic product by about 60%.
3. It means that the reduction of pollution emission and improvement of the condition of the environment does not have to be associated with the decrease in GDP.  
It has been achieved by:
  - implementation of market instruments which forced industry to use modern technology,
  - consequent implementation of environmental policy
  - implementation of special financing system for environmental investment
4. I would like to express that Poland is ready and with a pleasure will share its experience in development of environmental protection policy with investment financing system.
5. Finally, it should be underlay the important role of international cooperation. It is worth to tighten cooperation with the EECCA region in our common interest at least in the field of energy efficiency, technology transfer and other fields. We support also the proces “Environment for Europe”.

Thank you for your attention.