Dear Conference Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have an honor to inform you that yesterday Parliament of Ukraine approved its Appeal to the Parliaments, Governments and Public of European Countries. This document gives high appreciation to the integration processes on the European continent in environmental sphere, which are one of the elements in development of All-European security and stability. It also confirms our striving for co-operation between European countries in the sphere of environment protection. Parliament of Ukraine will make all efforts to strengthen environmental safety and human being security.

Understanding its responsibility on intensification of environmental safety of European continent, Parliament of Ukraine makes its contribution and will do its best in the future in development of the European environmental process by directing it to the corresponding legal channels, forming of appropriate legislative ground for effective actions of executive authority, pushing public dialogue, elaboration of fundamental directions of public opinion development.

The Parliament of Ukraine should ratify number of documents, adopted by the Conference. We confirm concentration of our efforts on enactment of these documents by the Parliament of Ukraine.

Based on the Strategy of Environmental Policy of Ukraine, problems put by for the Parliament Committee on Environmental Policy and Parliament of Ukraine in general, and resolutions of this Conference, I consider the following priorities for legislation improvement and development:

-Integration of appropriate natural resources management to the social and economic development
-Improvement of the national system of international law mechanisms
-Securing of nuclear power utilization, elimination of the Chornobyl catastrophe consequences, transformation of the “Shelter” establishment into environmentally safe system
-Eradication of poverty and elimination of population exposure to the consequences of natural and man-caused disasters
-Elaboration of legislative means of environmental policy stimulation, namely: raising producers’ responsibility, pushing market access to the environmental services and goods, implementation of stimulating taxation mechanisms for environmentally appropriate technologies and orderly withdrawal of faulty manufactures non-combined with sustainable development.

Recommendations of the Conference will be considered while preparation to the second reading of the Draft Act on Genetically Modified Organisms with taking into account potential risk for health and environment.

Parliament of Ukraine expresses its confidence that 5th Pan-European Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” will become an important stage in deepening of a strategic partnership between Ukraine and other European countries on the way to integration of environmental interests on the continent. We also appeal to the parliaments, governments and public of Europe to support our course on poverty eradication, European integration, and bringing relationships with Ukraine to the level that is adequate to the strategic progress on our continent and deep changes in Ukraine.
Dear participants and Conference guests,

During your stay in Ukraine you had a chance to see by your own eyes that there is an active process of modern democratic state building with orientation on socially oriented market economy, elaboration of necessary political and legal basis. Especially, I would like to emphasize, that this process is going on in a very short period of time. We would like to see Ukraine as a peer partner of the European process. I am sure, that integration of Ukraine to the European Community will be not only a guarantee of internal and foreign safety of Europe, but for us it will be a powerful incentive to stable economical growth, substantial improvement of situation in the social sphere and increase of living standards.

Thank you for your attention.