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Dear Ms. Karadjova,

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (here in after – the Ministry) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and has the honor to inform the following.

Under the circumstances specified in General Assembly resolution ES-11/1 on aggression against Ukraine, the Ministry assessed the options for the reorganization and relocation of the activities currently implemented by MSC-East, with due consideration for the need to retain geographical balance and to preserve the continuity of the activities under the EMEP working plan and the Convention.

Of the six proposed options, we consider that in the short term the most feasible one is the relocation of the EMEP MSC-East to the existing organization which expressed its interest for hosting MSC-East – the Josef Stefan Institute located in Slovenia. We believe that existing competence, skills and human resources of this Institution in the field of heavy metals, persistent pollutants and chemicals of emerging concern, will allow to provide immediate continuity of MSC-East activities, **without the involvement or hiring of the Russian experts.**

Ukraine can also support the recommendation of the EMEP SB extended Bureau on the combination of proposed options 1 and 2, where the modalities of further relocation of the Center is the subject for further consultations between the state parties. We also propose to consider the possibility of locating the center on the territory of Ukraine, which will allow achieving a geographical balance. In any case, at this stage we support the proposed two-step approach with the decision only on the short-term solution now and possibility to hold long-term decision until more information and evaluation is available.

Yours sincerely,

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