*Appeal to CO17 delegates from the NGO observers of Russia and Ukraine*

# Briefing paper on issues related to Joint Implementation Projects

Discussion on the future of JI projects is actively going on at the negotiations. Both negative and positive elements are included in the draft text. It is a highly positive idea to allow the countries entering the second commitment period of KP to continue with JI projects. That way Russia and other countries supporting the continuation of JI are stimulated to enter the second commitment period of KP.

At the same time, there is definition allowing converting AAUs into emission reduction units, which happened after 2012. This may end up with disaster because Russia and Ukraine possess large amount of the quotas. For example, in August, when preliminary decision on Ukraine's non-compliance with requirements of Kyoto Protocol was taken, there was 29.8 million of emission reduction units transferred to other countries' inventory. Then on October 12, 2011 this amount was raised to 62.7 million of units. In less than two month, 32.9 million of units were issued - more than during all previous years. From this perspective the concept of prior consideration, which is applicable in CDM should be also a requirement in JI.

We urge you to take decision which would allow JI projects only for countries entering the second commitment period of KP. Conversion of AAUs into emission reduction units for projects which generate emission reductions after 2012 must not be allowed.

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