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Statement

Women. Balance. The world.

We, women – leaders of the expanded independent delegation of Ukrainian women to the UN, express our deep concern about the climate situation in the world.

An analysis of the history of the development of mankind indicates that the greatest enemy for man is man himself.

We understand the reasons that have led to the serious climate change situation facing humanity today.

At the core of all the reasons are you and me, men and women who make key management decisions, and execute them. All together we are those who, by our action or inaction, change the world around us.

Our striving for a better quality of life, which results in the struggle or the possession of basic resources, processing and their use for profit, between countries, corporations, clans, which in turn leads to wars and destruction of each other,

An individual destroys both their physical and psychological health by their own actions. And a woman's reproductive health is a sensitive indicator of the state of the body that determines the health of a nation and a prosperous state.

The issue of ecology remains very acute today, which seriously affects the health of a woman, and subsequently the health of the future generation, through such negative factors as: the environment; the use of chemicals in industrial and agricultural environments; the influence of electromagnetic fields; sources of daily use such as cleaning agents or low-quality furniture.

We would like to remind you that more than 70 per cent of men and less than 30 per cent of women are in the area of making key decisions. In turn, in the area of training and education, women are more than 80 per cent. And this means that we, women, have the power of influence and the responsibility for the system of thinking, education of morality and ethics of today's and future generations.

We women have the ability to protect. We are all the bearers of our kind, our country and our planet. By combining our efforts, we gain the ability to create a mindshift that will help the world around us to move from the state of "unstable balancing" to the state of "stable balance".

The daily striving of each of us for balance in our daily life makes us stronger. The lack of balance in finding a compromise kills the living space and destroys our uniqueness, which in turn makes it impossible to achieve a state of happiness. By creating balance within ourselves, we women, we help the world around us to preserve humanity. By creating balance within ourselves, we women, we help our men to listen to the world around us. By creating balance within ourselves, we women, help the new generation to find the necessary solutions that will stop the destruction of the World around us.

We women understand our uniqueness. We know that love is born through us women. It is we who have the sensuality that allows men to become better, kinder and nobler. But it is precisely this feeling that the world around us demands from all of us. Without love, no solutions, technologies and innovations will give a positive result.

Love creates a special ecosystem, space and atmosphere in which those necessary decisions are born that help a man and a woman to preserve all subsequent

generations. Love cannot exist at the level of utopia. Love must become for humanity the main value of material existence.

In a deep discussion, we established a direct relationship between how and what we think, do and act, and what and how the surrounding world responds to us. The reverse process of getting back to normal also begins within us.

We call on all women in the world to become leaders in the global process of returning the World around us to a healthy norm, which begins in each of us.

We ask you women not to be afraid to be an example of love and educator for your men, boys, girlfriends and their daughters.

We ask you not to lose faith in yourself and to realise that your daily actions, in the end, will be crowned with success.

We urge you to be the best version of yourself today – this is our strength and heroism.

Remember that combining our efforts and resources makes it possible to hear our quiet and confident “no” for those who destroy our life and the life of future generations.

We call on world leaders, most of whom are men, to remember that there is at least one woman next to each of them, who has a special responsibility to preserve the life of all future generations. And we ask you to give the opportunity to fulfill this responsibility in joy, health and happiness.

We urge those who implement the decisions of world leaders not to prioritize their personal interests in the priority of the public ones. This will help many nations to improve their socio-economic indicators, which hide the fate and happiness of each person for whom they are personally responsible.

We call on those women and men who are inactive, disappointed or have lost faith in the best to shift to positivity of action for this is the only way to establish real and lasting changes. Otherwise we all still remain in the high risk zone in which the world is right now.
