## MINISTRY OF ECONOMY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Karol Galek State Secretary

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Dear Secretary General,

Thank you for your civil society call: Turning point in history, staying on track for long-term sustainability of 21<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding the European Environmental Bureau, SDG Watch Europe, the European Youth Movement and Solidar initiative for immediate peace and stand in solidarity with Ukraine.

I would like to ensure you that the Slovak Republic is strongly supporting common policy of the European Union to accelerating the path to full independence from fossil fuels from Russian Federation. In doing so, we must take into account the necessary time needed to stop all these imports.

The Slovak Republic as a neighboring state provides conditions and a temporary home for thousands of refugees from Ukraine. We are proud that we belong to the most active providers of material supplies to war-torn Ukraine. Our efforts to help Ukrainian people are steady and expanding. We implement them in close cooperation with other EU member states.

Dear Secretary General, may I take this opportunity to express my conviction that our joint efforts will contribute to an early end of Russian aggression in Ukraine and hope that values of European Union and human rights will prevail.

Kind regards,

Mr Jeremy Wates Secretary General European Environmental Bureau Brussels