

Right of reply by the representative of the Russian Federation

Some delegations used the 17th Session of the UN Forum on Forests for politicized and not based on reality statements about Russian aggression against Ukraine. We would like to emphasize that the goals and the reasons for the Russian special operations in Ukraine are already explained in depth. We are not going to explain them again. We would like to appeal all delegations not to politicize the works of the Forum which main goal is to mobilize the international community in order to implement UN Strategic Plan on forests as well as the Agenda 2030 goals and targets related to forests. In this spirit we are ready to work all together in order to achieve successful and consensus based outcomes of the 17th Session of the UN Forum on Forests.

Thank you.