

Comment by the Information and Press Department on the adoption of the resolution on the Global Pact for the Environment

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On May 10, the UN General Assembly voted in favour of the resolution opening the negotiations towards a Global Pact for the Environment.

The Russian Federation voted against this project.

Russia firmly supports the implementation of the international environmental agreements it participates in, at the national, regional and global levels. This is why we regard the main task as achieving the goals stipulated in existing documents in the most timely and efficient manner possible.

From the start Russia and a number of other countries had serious questions about how the new Pact would correspond with current international regulations. We sought a balanced approach to its development, giving countries a chance to make sure this initiative made sense, without forcing the process. Unfortunately, our concerns were not heard.

We believe that, in this case, the chance to reach a sensible compromise was sacrificed to a desire to adopt the document as fast as possible.

As such, we were unable to support the draft resolution on the Global Pact for the Environment.