# Climate Damage caused by Russia's war in Ukraine

assessment of 18 months of war holding Russia accountable repairing the damage



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# 1. Total emissions 18 months of war





#### Warfare emissions (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e)







**Transport & Infrastructure** 

**Industry & Utilities** 





# 2. Holding Russia accountable

- Total war emissions 18 months: 150 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Without Russia's act of aggression these emissions would not have happened
- The Russian Federation will be held accountable for the damage to humans, buildings and the environment. Similar the Russian Federation should be held accountable for the GHG emissions it has caused as well



# Legal pathways

- Holding a state responsible for GHG emissions resulting from an act of aggression is a first
- Legal study investigating different pathways:
  - > UN Compensation Commission
  - International Court of Justice
  - International Criminal Court
  - > UNFCCC / Paris Agreement
- These existing frameworks provide currently limited
  possibilities



# **International Compensation Mechanism**

- Established under the auspices of the Council of Europe
- Compensation could be paid from confiscated Russian assets
- A registry is currently being created and will include environmental damages
- Climate related damages to be included in the damage registry as a first step



# **Carbon pricing today**

- Market price in trading schemes:
  - EU ETS: 58 100 EUR/tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Carbon taxes set by governments:
  - > Uruguay: 158 USD/tCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - Poland: 0.08 USD/tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Social cost of carbon / shadow cost of carbon:
  - > Used by IFIs to evaluate emissions from projects
  - > WB, EBRD and EIB

### **High-Level commission on Carbon prices**



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### The cost of war emissions

- Average carbon price 2022/2023: 64 USD/tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- War emissions 18 months: 150 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Total climate damage reparations: 9.6 billion USD



# **3. Repairing the damage**

- Replanting the forest destroyed by the war
- Accelerated roll out of renewable energy
- Minimize construction emissions, through:
  - Smart design less construction materials
  - Recycling cement and steel from debris
  - Low-carbon cement and steel
  - > Alternative bio-based construction materials

Potential to avoid 30%-50% of construction emissions> Side event Thursday 6 Dec., 10:00, Ukraine Pavilion





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