

Question is directed to his Excellency the Russian Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

Western Siberia has an area of permafrost stretching over a million square Kilometres.

With the influence of increasing global temperatures, the sudden melting of an area the size of France and Germany combined could release billions of tonnes of methane into the atmosphere.

And we all know that methane is 20-25 times more potent than CO₂ when it comes to global warming.

Does Russia have a plan to tap into the natural methane sources to use as a clean energy alternative? Or will they ignore the problem, thus most likely speeding up global warming and risking the survival of my generation and generations to come?

We want to thank the State Minister of Bangladesh for bringing the word survival and the Dutch minister for bringing in the sense of urgency needed.

Our actions, our decisions now will determine the coming hundred years, will determine the rate of sea level rise, will determine the survival of small-island states for example.

We don't have time to waste. There is no time to study more, to think again, to reconsider and reconsider the coming years. This is about survival. Survival of people, cities, even whole states. And the knowledge and tools are available.

On behalf of young people around the world we want to ask you: please act now and don't delay. Please implement meaningful and concrete measures to reach a global green economy. Thank you.