



Minister for
Foreign Affairs
of Ukraine

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Dear Madam/Sir,

On February 24, 2022 the Russian Federation waged war on Ukraine and to this day continues the large-scale military offensive operation on the Ukrainian territory attacking from the air, sea and by land.

Every day Ukraine faces an unprecedented escalation of the military aggression that has rapidly developed from occupying our land, hitting critical infrastructure to missile strikes and cluster bombings of peaceful residential blocks causing mass casualties of civilians, innocent men, women, and children, breaking all possible rules and principles of international and humanitarian law. As you are reading this letter, our people, schools, kindergartens, hospitals, and infrastructure remain under the intense shelling and shootings by the Russian Armed Forces.

The courageous Ukrainians are fighting day and night to defend their homeland, protect homes and families, but also to protect Europe and the main principles of the global community – humanity, the rule of law and international order enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

Global leaders from the government and private sector, international organizations and multinational companies undertake collaborative efforts to weaken Russia's economic and military edge, as these resources are being used for threatening and blackmailing Ukraine and the entire civilized world.

Amid these dire times for Ukraine, I am writing to you with the following request:

I call on you and your organization to join the ethically and socially responsible global businesses, which have already stopped or suspended operations with or in the Russian Federation, refusing to finance Russian violence, murders, and crimes against humanity with their taxes.

As soon as Ukraine wins this war, we will start renewing our infrastructure and economy, continuing the path of reforms to become a full-fledged member of the European Union. In this regard, I would like to invite your company to express solidarity with Ukraine and join other multinational companies, who have already publicly expressed their readiness to start or resume business in my country.

On behalf of the Government of Ukraine, I am also requesting you to support Ukraine and its people in financial, humanitarian or any other meaningful way that you find appropriate.

As we count on every voice of the responsible global business community, I thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of my request and look forward to welcoming you and your team in Ukraine.

Light will prevail over darkness. It simply must. Act now to bring this victory as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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