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Ukrainan Suurlähetystö  
Suomen Tasavallassa

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Dear Recipient,

Russia launched a war of aggression towards Ukraine on 24 February 2022. It fundamentally changed the security environment and caused an enormous need for assistance in Ukraine. In order to help Ukraine, the European Commission launched the largest assistance operation in the history of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. Through the mechanism, civilian material assistance has been transported to Ukraine and its neighboring countries from Finland as well as from other European countries.

Since the start of the war of aggression, we have worked extensively across administrative boundaries and together with various actors to get assistance delivered. Ukraine sent the first list of requests for assistance through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism on 15 February 2022, and Finland's first delivery was sent on 1 March 2022. So far, 223 truckloads of assistance, as well as ambulances, fire trucks and buses have been sent through the mechanism from Finland to Ukraine. Without your involvement, this would not have been possible: a significant part of the assistance sent from Finland has been donations from different actors.

The willingness to help and support Ukrainians in times of need has been overwhelming. Ministries, central agencies, organizations and companies joined the assistance activities without delay and sparing no effort. We would like to express our warmest thanks for all your work in helping Ukraine. All help and donations go to great need.

Unfortunately, the war of aggression is still ongoing and the need for assistance still remains high. Work to support and help Ukraine will continue for as long as necessary. Many thanks for your dedication to helping – let's continue to work together to get help delivered and further develop our operating models, so that we can together support Ukraine in the best possible way.

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Ambassador of Ukraine to Finland