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HELP!

We, the notaries of Ukraine, representatives of the free profession of civil-law notaries, exercising a public social and legal function on behalf of the independent sovereign state of Ukraine. Over the 30 years of our recent history, we have done everything to train Ukrainian legal civil society, to ensure the functioning of the principles, norms of values, inherent to the system of Western law, in Ukrainian law, thus strengthening the Ukrainian state.

Today, Ukrainian notaries, like the entire Ukrainian state and the Ukrainian people, face an unprecedented violation of all civilisational norms and principles — a direct military invasion by the attacking state of the Russian Federation.

Military attacks with airstrikes are launched on our cities and villages, military and civilian facilities are under fire. There are already hundreds of victims.

Our army heroically defends our land, shows heroism and victory in confrontation with the second most powerful army in the world. The Ukrainian people are ready to firmly defend their state, their independence, their sovereignty, and their right to determine their own path and to make their own choices.

The course agreed by the Ukrainian parliament on 7 February 2019 with 334 votes, which finally approved the amendments to the Constitution concerning NATO and EU membership, remains unchanged.

Today, in Ukraine, there is a struggle between democracy and dictatorship, between civilisation and barbarism, between the past and the future not only of Ukraine but also of the whole world.

Our enemy is strong, insidious and cynical. It aims to destroy Ukraine and establish authoritarianism and dictatorship on our territory, impose a dictatorial paradigm on the world.

We will defend our state, but we do not have enough strength. We really need support to stay strong and to win. This victory will be a common victory. The victory of peace and order, humanism and human values over

arbitrariness, harm and dictatorship. This victory will be valuable not only for our country, but for the whole of Europe and all civilised people.

Today we call on the global notarial community: we need help — sanctions, weapons, material resources, any support, influence on governments — because in central Europe they are trying to kill more than 40 million Ukrainian people, who have repeatedly proved their Europeanity.

We reiterate: help us.

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Yours sincerely,

President

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