

## Resolution of the General Assembly of the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE)

**Brussels, 1 March 2022**

The Presidents of the 22 European notariats met in an extraordinary session on 1 March 2022, with the participation of the President of the Chamber of Notaries of Ukraine. On behalf of the 45,000 European notaries they represent, they adopted the following resolution:

*“The Notaries of Europe, as guarantors of social peace and respect for human rights, life, freedom, democracy and the Rule of Law in relations between individuals and peoples, condemn in the strongest terms the unjustified and unprovoked aggression of the Russian Federation, with the support of Belarus, against their neighbouring country, Ukraine, an independent and sovereign State recognised by the international community. The Notaries of Europe condemn any violation of international law and any attempt to substitute the law by the force.*

*Conducted before the eyes of the whole of Europe, this attack unjustifiably and unacceptably results in the death and suffering of innocent civilians, as well as the destruction and impoverishment of the Ukrainian society as a whole. The functioning of the Ukrainian State and its social institutions, whose task is to serve their citizens, is at grave risk. Ukrainian notaries, like all other Ukrainian citizens, are the innocent targets of this attack and are fighting for their lives and the lives of their children*

*The Notaries of Europe express their deep solidarity during these dramatic times with their Ukrainian colleagues and their loved ones and, in the face of the horrors of war, feel and suffer with them and the Ukrainian people. The Notaries of Europe have already mobilised at national level to provide materials, support and humanitarian aid to Ukrainians. A coordination structure is also set up at CNUE level.*

*The Notaries of Europe strongly support the unprecedented European and international response, including through the application in their activities of the sanctions decided by the European Union, which will ensure that those responsible for this conflict will be penalised for their actions.*

*The Notaries of Europe bow down before the attachment to the European values and ideals of the people of Ukraine – proven with the highest sacrifice of life. When men and women give their lives for Europe to the same extent as for their homeland, this means that Europe has accomplished its founding mission irreversibly: providing citizens with a model of life, peace, freedom, dignity, unity and prosperity. We are deeply impressed by the Ukrainian people’s will and strength to fight for these ideals.*

*In light of the above, at the request of Ukrainian notaries at our meeting on March 1 made by President Volodymyr Marchenko, risking his life from his hometown of Kharkiv currently under bombing, and at the official request of the notaries who are members of the Baltic States, unanimously supported by the participants, the*



*Council of Notariats of the European Union decides to recognise observer status of the Chamber of Notaries of Free Ukraine and welcomes it to the European family of notaries.*

*This resolution is communicated to the Ukrainian Chamber, the European institutions and the media. '*

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