**Mgr. František Lukl**

**President**

Praha, 24 February 2022

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Dear Mr. President,

Dear fellow mayors of Ukrainian cities and municipalities,

Dear citizens of Ukraine,

I feel the need to express the deepest empathy that news from your country has evoked in me. Czech and Ukrainian cities and towns are connected by many years of cooperation and many partnerships. In quiet years, cities and towns are our safe home. They provide us with space for community building, for our lives. But now the Ukrainian ones are in danger.

We, in the Czech Republic, remember our historical scars. In this moment I, as a citizen, as a mayor, but also as the president of the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic, feel the need to express my support for Ukrainian citizens and mayors of heavily tested Ukrainian towns and municipalities.

You must remember that you are not alone. Czech cities and towns are ready to help the Ukrainian people as much as possible.

Yours sincerely

**Mr. Vitalyi Volodymyrovych Klitschko**

**President**

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