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The State Enterprise “Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority” (hereinafter referred to as the “USPA”) expresses its respect and would like to inform about the following.

At night of February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation waged war on Ukraine and continues its large-scale military offensive operation on the Ukrainian territory attacking from the air, sea and 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 bombardment of peaceful residential areas, resulting in mass casualties among civilians, women and children, violating all possible rules and principles of international and humanitarian law.

Schools, kindergartens, hospitals, maternity hospitals and churches in Ukrainian cities such as Kharkiv, Mariupol, Volnovakha, Chernihiv and others have been destroyed.

The number of civilians killed and wounded only through 17 days of the war, reached 2 053 people according to the UN, 285 of them were minors, including little children! Unfortunately, the war is unfolding and the number of casualties is only increasing daily due to the intense shelling by the Russian armed forces.

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

Today, the entire progressive world must make common efforts to weaken the economic and military power of the Russian Federation.

Therefore, the “USPA” together with the entire progressive world, world leaders, representatives of governments of European countries, the European Parliament and heads of leading private sector companies, addressing IAPH to support Ukraine and its People, and to inform all members of the International Association of Ports and Harbors about this tragedy and calls to contribute in every possible way to the closure of European ports for vessels under the flag of the Russian Federation and/or owners of which are companies affiliated with the legal entities of the Russian Federation.



We hope for your support and ensuring the maximum spread of information about Russian aggression among the members of the International Association of Ports and Harbors.

We would also appreciate any support to our state and the People of Ukraine.

Slava Ukraini!

Acting CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oleksandr GOLODNYTSKYI', written in a cursive style.

Oleksandr GOLODNYTSKYI