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Dear Ms. Venediktova, dear Iryna,

The Netherlands Public Prosecution is horrified and desolated by what is happening to your country, to your organization and to you.

Russia is violating your borders, international law and the Minsk agreements. The Netherlands Public Prosecution Service condemns Russia's actions in the strongest possible terms. We want to underline the relationship between the Ukrainian Public Prosecution Service and the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service is and will stay strong.

During a recent speech the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mr. Mark Rutte, has acknowledged your country is being attacked without provocation or justification. Your cities are being bombed and besieged, your civilians are driven out, wounded and killed. He said it is criminal. As defenders of the rule of law the Netherlands Public Prosecution Service fully agrees with this message.

In one of his video messages your President, Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky, made clear that Russia's aggression is more than an invasion of Ukraine. He stated that it is a war against Europe, against basic human rights in Europe and against European unity. Your president cannot be more right.

It must be clear that Russia's aggression is unacceptable. The Netherlands underscores the importance of diplomacy and dialogue, supports EU sanctions and is providing military goods. The Netherlands Public Prosecution Service also wants

to offer its support to your organization. Do not hesitate to reach out to my organization for any kind of assistance.

The Netherlands Public Prosecution Service's hopes are with Ukraine. Especially with your public prosecutors, your legal assistants and your other staff members who are fighting for your country, your freedom and your rule of law.

On behalf of my whole organization,

Stay strong,

Mr. Gerrit van der Burg
Chairman of the Board of Prosecutors General
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