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President of the Association of Polish Cities

Mr. Zygmunt Frankiewicz

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Association of Cities of Ukraine, I would like to thank you, the Board and members of the Association of Polish Cities, Executive Director Andrzej Porawski and the team of the Executive Office and the International Department of APC for inviting and ensuring the stay of the AUC delegation in Katowice to participate in the World Urban Forum on June 26-30, 2022.

This extremely important event provided an opportunity to show the world the consequences of the Russian Federation's war crimes against Ukraine, the extent of the destruction of Ukrainian cities, towns and villages, to discuss the priorities and long-term needs of our communities, to establish contacts with ministries, associations of local governments and municipalities of different countries.

During the Forum, the representative of the city of Dnipro signed a memorandum of cooperation with the city of Cologne, the representative of the Polish city proposed to provide an ambulance car to the city of Zelenodolsk, which is suffering because of shelling and this vehicle is very important to them, the city of Slavutych received a thermal imager and has already handed it over to the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the city of Bucha found a twin city in France, and the Association of Cities of Ukraine established cooperation with several organizations and is currently conducting active negotiations to strengthen this cooperation.

We also had the opportunity to ensure the physical presence of speakers from Ukraine at several sessions of the World Urban Forum, to present the platform www.cities4cities.eu, where more than 140 Ukrainian municipalities posted their requests for assistance from the European partners.

We sincerely thank your people for their solidarity and help! We feel it very much! This is extremely important to us!

I am sure that the participation of our delegation in this Forum will have even more useful results for the joint victory over the enemy and the reconstruction of our country!

Sincerely,

AUC Executive Director

Oleksandr Slobozhan