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Joint statement regarding Russia's war on Ukraine and sanctions against aggressor countries by Baltic states, Poland and Sweden Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Baltic states, Poland and Sweden chambers of commerce and industry condemn in the strongest possible terms Russia's military aggression against Ukraine – independent, sovereign and democratic country in the heart of Europe. The Baltic states, Poland and Sweden Chambers network expresses its strong support and solidarity towards colleagues in the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, towards the country's business community and towards all Ukrainian citizens.

Baltic states, Poland and Sweden Chambers of commerce and industry express full support to sanctions already imposed to aggressor countries – Russia and Belarus. European Union unity imposing sanctions has been beneficial so far and already pose financial and structural problems to aggressor countries governments. These actions need to be continued introducing even more comprehensive sanctions against Russia and their allies.

In the meanwhile organizations ask for more decisive action towards sanctions on the aggressor countries' energy sector – determining immediate prohibition to import natural gas, oil and coal from aggressor countries into the European Union. Such action will substantially reduce incomes to these countries and Europeans won't be responsible for financing Russia military troops and war in Ukraine. The companies, represented by signatories, are ready to face an increase in energy prices to stop war in Ukraine, to continue to protect and to implement western values being attacked by Russia and protected by Ukraine citizens.

War in Ukraine already has caused significant economic downturn in Europe and full economic recession in Ukraine. Already at this moment adequate financial support need to be allocated for economic and social recovery of Ukraine. European Union countries need to continue to be united to find solutions how to close the gap of raw material and energy product supply from Russia and Belarus minimizing negative impact to European Union economy already caused by the war in Ukraine.

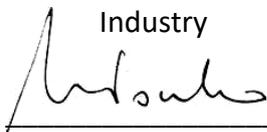
Organizations also fully support Ukraine in its willingness to become a member state of the European Union. Organizations ask to grant Ukraine European Union candidate state status and start accession negotiations as soon as possible. Such actions would continue and strengthen already well-established economic ties between the European Union and Ukraine and give a clear message to Ukraine - its entrepreneurs and citizens - that we are standing strong with them towards their path to European Union and western political and economic thought.

These are unprecedented events and such events can't be resolved with actions as usual. To protect European values - Europe has to stand strong and unite against aggressor countries and show them that the European nations is ready for actions unaccounted for to help Ukraine to protect its independence, sovereignty and democracy.

We stand with Ukraine!



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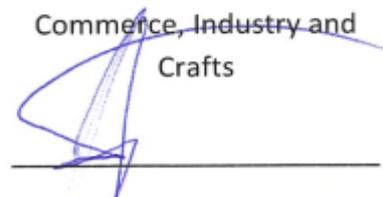
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