



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The President

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Mr Vitali Volodymyrovych Klitschko
Mayor of Kyiv
Kyiv City Public Administration
Khreschatyk St 36
Kyiv 01044
Ukraine

Dear Mayor,

On behalf of the European Committee of the Regions, and as a symbol of our support for Ukraine's democracy, it is a great honour for me to award you, in your capacity as Mayor of Kyiv and President of the Ukraine's association of municipalities, the

honorary membership of the European Committee of the Regions.

The Members of our Committee, representing more than 1 million EU regional and local leaders, stand with Ukraine and against the brutal and unjustified attack perpetrated by the Russian Federation, and they wish to further enhance their partnership with the representatives of regional and local authorities of Ukraine.

Mayors all over Ukraine are saving lives, delivering aids, protecting families, fighting for a better future based on democracy and freedom.

Mayors represent the first building block of all democracies, and the choice of Ukraine to embrace and defend the European values has to be protected in the darkest hours. The choice to offer the membership of our European institution is not only symbolic: it represents the unequivocal message in favour of strengthening the European perspective of Ukraine where locally elected officials stand by citizens, protect them, rebuild and shape a better future.

We sincerely hope that your unfailing faith and strength will lead to peace. We must awaken our common ambition to end the war and build a peaceful, just and cohesive future that works for all European citizens.

As this is the first time that such an honorary membership is offered by our institution, I would be very pleased if you were to accept it in order to allow us to further develop our cooperation and jointly defend our democratic values and principles and in view of enhancing the partnership between our respective peers.

We salute the strength and courage of the Ukrainian people and we stand in full solidarity with them.

Yours sincerely,

Apostolos Tzitzikostas