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Secretary General
Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)
Mr. Paweł Żaboklicki

Dear Mr. Żaboklicki,

On behalf of the Ivano-Frankivsk City Council and our entire community, I would like to express our sincere respect and gratitude for the support shown to Ukraine by the Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) and its member cities during these challenging times. We highly value UBC's commitment to democratic values, freedom, peace, and cooperation. In this context, we hereby submit an official application for the Ivano-Frankivsk City Territorial Community to join the Union of the Baltic Cities.

Ivano-Frankivsk is a modern European city that is dynamically developing both in the investment-economic sphere and in cultural and artistic directions. The city is continuously improving its urban infrastructure and actively implementing projects aimed at introducing modern methods of municipal governance, energy-saving and modernization measures in public buildings, the development of green energy, the promotion of environmentally friendly modes of transportation, and the expansion of bicycle traffic. We are also advancing projects in the areas of life safety, preservation of cultural and natural heritage, and the development of the healthcare system.

It is worth noting that Ivano-Frankivsk is a city of active and successful people, new startups, and creative solutions, open to modern business models and technologies. A vivid example is the "Promprylad.Renovation" innovation center, located on the premises of a revitalized former factory. It focuses on developing the new economy, urban planning, contemporary art, informal education, and follows the impact investment model. Ivano-Frankivsk is also a university city, home to five higher education institutions.

As a result of the administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine in 2020, the Ivano-Frankivsk City Territorial Community was established, uniting [illegible] settlements.

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with the city of Ivano-Frankivsk as its administrative center. The total population of the community exceeds 280,000 people.

Ivano-Frankivsk actively cooperates with many European cities. We maintain close partnerships with cities in the Republic of Poland, Romania, and Germany, jointly implementing cross-border projects focused on spatial development, and regularly participating in conferences, festivals, and tourism forums. We are also actively building municipal partnerships with German cities through joint development initiatives.

We are committed to expanding the boundaries of international cooperation and are highly interested in participating in EU programs and interregional cooperation aimed at developing infrastructure, the social sphere, and building "green," smart, and socially oriented communities.

On May 20, 2025, Ivano-Frankivsk signed a partnership agreement with the city of Luleå (Sweden), an active member of UBC. The cooperation covers key areas such as urban development, culture, digitalization, support for small and medium-sized enterprises, water resource management, civil protection, and green transformation.

Despite the war, our community remains resilient and proactive. We are implementing sustainable development strategies across infrastructure, energy efficiency, environmental policy, and civic engagement. We see international cooperation as a key element of sustainable recovery and growth.

Joining the Union of the Baltic Cities is a strategic step for our community. We are ready to actively participate in working groups, share experience, and implement joint projects and initiatives.

We sincerely hope for a favorable decision and look forward to fruitful cooperation within the UBC framework.

Sincerely,
Mayor of Ivano-Frankivsk **Ruslan MARTSINKIV**

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