

Thank you for the opportunity to address you at the UBC conference in Palanga. I am deeply honored to be here today to speak about a topic that is not only close to my heart but also holds immense significance on the international stage. The subject I will be speaking about is "The War in Ukraine: Why We Should Continue to Help Ukraine and Speak About Ukraine on Different International Platforms, youth role of it.

I am Ukrainian who was compelled to leave my homeland due to the ongoing war. The Russian war in Ukraine is not just a distant news story for me; it's a painful reality that has affected the lives of millions, including my own. The full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine is causing immeasurable sufferings, losses of life and displacement of countless individuals. Families have been torn apart, homes destroyed, and livelihoods shattered. In this case, I would like to highlight three key points:

By supporting Ukraine, we promote the values of democracy, sovereignty, and self-determination. The international community must recognize that a peaceful, sovereign, and prosperous Ukraine contributes to overall European stability. It's important to stress that supporting Ukraine means supporting fundamental principles of international law and human rights. It sends a clear message that we stand for a world where nations can coexist peacefully and exercise their rights without fear of aggression or external interference.

Raising awareness about the Russian war in Ukraine and advocating for its resolution on international platforms is paramount. While humanitarian and military assistance is vital, advocacy is a complementary tool that helps ensure the war remains in the spotlight. **Now you can see on the screen how much damage Russia has done.** According to preliminary estimates, more than 350,000 objects (three hundred and fifty thousand millions of square meters of residential, medical, educational, sports infrastructure have been destroyed in Ukraine, kilometers of roads and railway tracks, airports, ports and much more have been damaged. It will be rebuilt one day for sure, that's why it is time to talk about the role of youth in this context.

Many people used to believe that youth are the future, but in fact we are the present. We came to this conclusion during discussions with a group of young people who are currently attending the conference. We live in a democratic Europe. Democracy is when everyone has the right to have a voice and the right to be heard. Therefore, speaking about the role of youth in state-building and urban planning and rebuilding there is no magic way how to involve them in these processes, the solution is simple - give young people a stage, give young people the opportunity to be heard now, in the present, not in the distant future. The UBC conference is a great example of this, an example of how young people can be involved in discussing of really serious issues.

Cause right now, Ukrainian youth, along with young people from other European countries, have the possibility to present their vision of a reliable, modern, and most importantly safe city, and thus the country. For me personally, this is a great opportunity to learn something new, which will help me to participate directly in the reconstruction of my country.

In conclusion, the war in Ukraine IT IS A global challenge that demands a sustained, compassionate, and resolute response. By doing our part to help Ukraine and speaking out on its behalf, we contribute to the cause of peace, justice, and the protection of human rights. I have a hope that we win together; we rebuilt Ukraine together for the better sake of all democratic world. I am really grateful for the support of Ukraine, thank you very much for your attention. And thanks to all the organizers, speakers and participants of the conference



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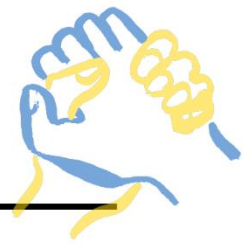
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