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Ms Kata Tüttö
President
European Committee of the Regions

Dear President,

I am writing to you in view of the severity of the energy situation Ukraine is facing, following Russia's intense and renewed air attacks in recent days and weeks. The scale of civilian hardship, including prolonged blackouts and a significant loss of heating supplies, amid freezing temperatures in Kyiv and several other cities and regions, has grave consequences. This situation calls for immediate and coordinated international action.

During the last Foreign Affairs Council of 29 January, I discussed the situation with EU Member States. Ministers strongly condemned Russia's continued attacks against civilians and energy infrastructure, with some qualifying these acts as war crimes. Serious concerns were also expressed regarding nuclear safety. I also highlighted the need to keep mobilising deliveries from citizens, cities, regions, NGOs and the private sector. Finally, in view of these developments and Ukraine's urgent needs, I proposed the creation of the Ukraine Winter Task Force with the teams in Brussels and Kyiv to better coordinate energy support.

My team and I constantly encourage EU Member States and – together with Ukraine's government – also the international community to provide urgent energy emergency equipment, particularly items that are immediately available from stockpiles.

EU institutions are mobilising all available tools and resources. Most recently, we have finalised a major EUR 100 million contribution to the Ukraine Energy Support Fund. The support under the Ukraine Facility, implemented through the Fund, focuses on the physical protection of energy infrastructure as well as urgent repairs, particularly in vulnerable regions. In addition, through the Emergency Response Coordination Centre, the Commission is coordinating energy-related assistance to Ukraine from EU Member states and participating states via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). With the support of the EIB and the EBRD, the Ukraine Facility has recently mobilised close to EUR 1 billion in loans and grants for emergency gas purchases to Naftogaz to cover the deficit caused by targeted Russian attacks. Member States are also providing substantial bilateral contributions.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the CoR's recurrent calls to mobilise energy supplies and for the impressive solidarity demonstrated by cities, regions, and their citizens, across Europe over the last years.

Against this background and in light of the situation, we all should stay the course and keep providing urgent and concrete support to our Ukrainian partners amid the current emergency situation.

You will find enclosed the latest priority list that was shared with us only a few days ago during the first Ukraine Winter Task Force meeting. I would appreciate it if you could circulate this document among CoR members and help mobilise support for the most urgent request - the provision of 1,500 generators with a capacity of 300 kW or higher to supply electricity to residential buildings.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kajsa Walle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.