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***Dear Mr. Chairman and Dear Friend,
Dear Friends – Cooperators of Ukraine,***

On behalf of the National Cooperative Council, the supreme body of cooperative self-government in Poland and all Polish cooperators, I would like to convey to you the heartfelt expression of our solidarity and warm support against the unprecedented aggression of the Russian Federation. We strongly condemn the escalation of violence and the exposure to suffering of millions of innocent people, as well as Putin's propaganda undermining the right to decide their own future, and indeed the *raison d'être* of the Independent State of Ukraine. The barbaric Russian aggression is destroying the world order and stability built up over decades, and is incompatible with a vision of a peaceful future and prosperity for Europe in the 21st century. This vision is particularly close to all of us – Ukrainian and Polish cooperators.

Dear Friends!

With concern we observe the reports from beyond our Eastern border, we express our deepest sympathy to you for your victims and the material losses your cooperatives and your country suffer. We can assure you that our hearts and thoughts are with you and your loved ones. We have already appealed to all Polish cooperatives and cooperative organizations to help the refugees from Ukraine, who are beginning to arrive in our country in large numbers, to survive the time of war with support in the form of shelter and employment in cooperative units, but also with food supplies and the provision of emergency assistance. As far as possible, we would also like to support you in your activities in Ukraine itself. We are counting on a wide response from our cooperators and will keep you informed.

We also appeal to the global cooperative organisations of which we are members – ICA, Cooperatives Europe, ICBA and ICAO – to show solidarity and material support for cooperative movement in Ukraine and to take immediate steps in this regard.

We warmly wish you a return to peace as soon as possible, so that you can – together with your cooperatives – build a prosperous future for your Nation in accordance with cooperative ideas.

Long live Ukraine! Слава Україні!

With co-operative greetings



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