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Слава Україні!

Dear Ukrainian colleagues,

The Lithuanian Bar Association and the entire legal community stand with you. No person who respects democracy, freedom and independence can stay indifferent to Russia's military aggression against Ukraine.

This act of military aggression shocked the whole of Lithuania. It is hard to imagine that the 21st century could see a repeat of the military aggression that began in 1939. There can be no justification for this, let alone any attempt to cover up it with any pretexts. This position was confirmed by the Council of the Lithuanian Bar Association on 24 February 2022 and on 25 February 2022. Lithuania contributed to the adoption¹ of such a position at European level by the CCBE.

Lithuania understands that Ukraine is fighting not only for its own freedom, but also for the freedom of Europe, and therefore of Lithuania. Lithuanian cities are covered with Ukrainian flags, people follow all the news from Ukraine very closely, contribute to the support of Ukraine by donating money, collecting necessary items, medicines for refugees and soldiers affected by the war, and welcoming Ukrainians and their children who have come to Lithuania into their families.

Recognising that statements alone cannot help the people of Ukraine, the Lithuanian Bar Association and its lawyers raised EUR 37,655 in donations, which was distributed in equal parts for Ukraine's defence needs and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. We are also aware that law firms and lawyers have provided various support for humanitarian or defensive purposes individually.

Another form of support for the people of Ukraine is free legal advice to Ukrainians from members of the Lithuanian Bar Association. The list of lawyers and legal assistants who can provide *pro bono* services is published on the website of the Lithuanian Bar Association²

¹https://www.ccbe.eu/fileadmin/speciality_distribution/public/documents/Statements/2022/EN_20220225_CBE-Statement-on-Ukraine.pdf

²<https://www.advokatura.lt/dla-ukrainciv/>

Once again, we want to express our pride in the extraordinary determination and courage of the Ukrainian people. We grieve with you for the loss of your soldiers and innocent civilians.

Разом до Перемоги!

Ignas Vėgėlė
On behalf of the entire legal community of Lithuania,
Ignas Vėgėlė, Chairman of the Bar Council