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Dear Mr Bazin,

As you are probably aware, on 24 February 2022 at 5.00 am Kyiv time, the Russian Federation with the support of the Republic of Belarus started a war against Ukraine. The United Nations Charter, Helsinki Accords, European Convention on Human Rights and in general any and all established norms and principles of international law are being openly and disparagingly violated. **For 22 days now (!), the army of the Russian Federation supported by the Republic of Belarus is bombing residential areas, maternity hospitals, kindergartens, ambulances and civilian vehicles in Ukraine.** The foregoing actions of the Russian Federation and of the Republic of Belarus constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity. Moreover, the Russian Federation has put the World on the brink of a nuclear catastrophe by occupying Chernobyl Nuclear Plant and then shelling and consequently occupying on 4 March 2022 Zaporizhia Nuclear Plant, the Europe's largest nuclear power station in Ukraine.

Despite the World's strong response and a number of unprecedented sanctions introduced against the aggressor countries by the US, European and other countries, high-level officials of the Russian Federation continue insisting that so-called "military operation" will not stop until full "demilitarisation and denazification" of Ukraine, **which means full destruction of all those who oppose Russian supremacy over Ukraine and is ready to defend Ukraine's independence and sovereignty.**

In these circumstances, western businesses publicly announce leaving Russian and Belarussian markets and closing their offices, while Saint-Gobain Group, being one of the largest worldwide industrial group, continues operation in Russia. We find that such approach contradicts the motto "Saint-Gobain, a key ingredient in the wellbeing of each of us and the future of all". **Collaboration and finances of European entities enable Russian Government to continue and most importantly finance the war and all the atrocities that are being committed in Ukraine.**

In view of the above, we urge Saint-Gobain Group to:

- immediately stop any activities with Russian businesses and on Russian territory until full termination of any and all military actions against Ukraine,
- to take a public stance and openly urge the Government of the Russian Federation to STOP military invasion in Ukraine.

While using an opportunity, we would also like to bring to your attention the initiative of numerous European countries to establish a dedicated Tribunal On Punishment of the Crime of Aggression



Against Ukraine. The jurisdiction of the Tribunal, as it is envisaged at the moment, would include not only persons who committed the crime of aggression in respect of the territory of Ukraine, but also “those who have materially influenced or shaped the commission of that crime”.

Best regards,

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President of the Ukrainian Bar Association