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Mr. Pekka PESONEN
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Dear Mr. Pesonen,

On behalf of the member organizations of the Ukrainian National Agrarian Forum: Public Union «Agrarian Union of Ukraine», the Public Union «All-Ukrainian Agrarian Council», the All-Ukrainian Association of Villages and Town Councils, Association «Poultry Union of Ukraine», the All-Ukrainian public organization «Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation», and the Association «Ukrainian Agribusiness Club» thank you for your care and support expressed in the letter.

Now Ukraine is going through difficult times in the history in its Independence. Through the invasion of the Russian Federation, already for the fifth day, the Ukrainian people have been protecting their land and fighting for the life of every citizen in Ukraine: on the front line, strategic infrastructure facilities, and the Ukrainian agrobusiness is making every effort to ensure food security.

At the cost of our own lives, each of us today is defending democracy and European values, and Ukrainian agricultural producers supply free food to the armed forces and civilians in all corners of our country.

The actual geopolitical situation will affect the global market of agri-food products and call into question the guarantee of food security around the world. In our opinion, due to the possible disruption of the spring sowing campaign and the suspension of exports from Ukraine, food prices will rise in most European countries in the near future.

Considering the above, on behalf of the member organizations of the Ukrainian National Agrarian Forum, we ask you to accept our organization as a member of COPA COGECA and consider the possibility of exemption from paying membership fees for the next 5 years.

Also, we ask to support on behalf of COPA COGECA the accession of Ukraine to the European Union under the shortened procedure, which already was initiated by a number of European countries and supported by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen.

Sincerely and hopefully for peace in Ukraine,

Yours sincerely,

Mariia Didukh

Director of the Ukrainian National Agrarian Forum

