

Translation from Polish

Warsaw, 4 March 2022

*To Our Dear Friends — Ukrainian Men and Women,  
The Heroic Nation of Ukraine,  
Mr. President Zelenskyy,*

The entire world is holding their breath in awe as you heroically stand up to the barbaric invasion of your Homeland by the Russian regime.

We, your Polish friends, lawyers, pay tribute today to the indomitable spirit of Ukraine and to the heroes who sacrificed their lives in this illegal war waged against the sovereign country of Ukraine.

We promise you that we will do everything in our power to help you in your fight against the cruel invader who is bombing your homes and murdering innocent civilians, including women and children. We will take care of those who seek refuge in our Homeland, while you shed blood in defence of yours.

Today you are fighting for “*Our Freedom and Yours*”, just as other heroes once did, opposing the evil tsarist despotism, when our Homeland — like Ukraine today — was being torn to pieces. You are fighting for a free and united Europe, for a new democratic world whose strength lies in solidarity, human dignity and community, not in aggression or lies.

You are fighting, led by a genuine statesman, who is leading you with great wisdom, zeal and courage. Many European nations today look with admiration at Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, who demonstrates to the world the power of humanity, sincerity and truth. You are fighting, led by a lion.

And you are winning!

You are winning because the aggressor did not appreciate your determination and courage, and did not anticipate that the world would wake up from its lethargy and stand behind you. He did not recognise your right to a free and safe home among European friends. Nor did he understand that he would also encounter resistance from Russian men and women who, like you, yearn for freedom and peace.

For this reason you will prevail in this war, even though the road to freedom is often marked with blood. May the words of the great Taras Shevchenko bring you hope:

*Oh bury me, then rise ye up  
And break your heavy chains  
And water with the tyrants' blood  
The freedom you have gained.  
And in the great new family,  
The family of the free,  
With softly spoken, kindly word  
Remember also me.*

[appendix: list of signatories]