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Dear Ms. President,

As representatives of **ICOM Czech Republic, ICOM Slovakia, ICOM Poland, ICOM Estonia, ICOM Romania, ICOM Moldova, ICOM Austria, ICOM Latvia, ICOM Hungary, ICOM Sweden, ICOM Slovenia, ICOM Georgia, ICOM Lithuania, ICOM Croatia and ICOM SEE**, we are expressing our unwavering support to Ukraine and solidarity with the Ukrainian people. We would like to extend our heartfelt wishes of courage and strength to all the members of the Ukrainian ICOM, all the Ukrainian museum professionals and all citizens of Ukraine!

Museums are the guardians of history and as such show examples from the dark times of our history, so that it does not have to be repeated. Our core values are freedom and democracy. Russia with the invasion to Ukraine is directly attacking and trampling on those values.

We stand firmly behind the people of Ukraine! We are ready to offer support to our colleagues in Ukrainian museums to protect their cultural heritage, their identity and freedom.

We intend to organize a session specifically dedicated to the cultural and national heritage of Ukraine during the scientific programme of ICOM General Conference. Armed aggression and acts of state terrorism pose a threat to preservation of heritage, and therefore this topic should be reflected on at ICOM Prague 2022.

Last but not least, we would like to inform you about the decision of ICOM Czech Republic to provide registration to ICOM Prague 2022 for our colleagues from Ukraine **FREE OF CHARGE**.

With warm regards on behalf of my colleagues

Gina Renotiere
President
ICOM Czech Republic