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Dear President,
Director-General Dr. Tedros,
Excellencies,

Today, the role of the World Health Organization is more important than ever before.

The world no longer faces Health Security Challenges, we are facing Health Security Threats: wars, attacks on critical infrastructure, climate-related crises, and growing pressure on healthcare systems.

In the current predicament we need to recognize healthcare system resilience as an integral part of global security. For Ukraine this is no longer a theory.

For more than four years, our healthcare system has been operating under full-scale russian aggression.

Hospitals, ambulances, and energy infrastructure continue to be under attack. Yet Ukrainian doctors and healthcare workers continue saving lives every day — during blackouts, missile attacks, and constant security threats.

We are deeply grateful to the World Health Organization, to Dr. Tedros, to the WHO Country Office in Ukraine led by Jarno Habicht and to all partners supporting Ukraine throughout these years.

Today, Ukraine is focused not only on responding to the challenges of war, but also on the further transformation of its healthcare system. The combination of resilience and development is embedded in the Health Strategy of Ukraine 2030, which defines key priorities including rehabilitation, mental health, healthcare workforce development, and equal access to healthcare services.

Recognizing the long-term impact of war on society, Ukraine is also advancing a nationwide mental health initiative under the leadership of the First Lady of Ukraine, aimed at making mental health support accessible, community-based, and integrated into everyday life.

The war has profoundly changed healthcare realities. Ukraine has gained unique experience in trauma care, rehabilitation, and maintaining healthcare services under conditions of war.

At the same time, one principle must remain the absolute: attacks on healthcare must never become normal. The decisions adopted by this Assembly regarding the health emergency in Ukraine in 2022 remains critically important. Their continued implementation, and sustained international attention to the health consequences of the war against Ukraine, are essential.

Because when hospitals are attacked, global humanitarian principles are also attacked.

Healthcare workers must never become targets. Access to healthcare must never depend on security conditions.

Attacks on healthcare must carry consequences, and international organizations must continue defending the principles of humanitarian law, transparency, and responsible international cooperation.

Ukraine highly values its partnership with the World Health Organization. Together, we are working not only for Ukraine's recovery, but for a stronger global health resilience in the future.

I thank you