



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Office of the President Ms Ursula von der Leyen

Head of Cabinet

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Dear President McCarthy,

President von der Leyen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 20 May 2022, on behalf of the European Alliance (EA) group in the European Committee of the Regions, and for kindly attaching your group's Bialystok Declaration: Cities and Regions in solidarity with Ukraine, which was adopted on 6 May.

The European Commission condemns, in the strongest possible terms, Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine. By its illegal military actions, Russia is grossly violating international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, undermining European and global security and stability, and showing a complete and utter disregard for human life. The European Union as a whole stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and welcomes them warmly as members of our European family.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of the European Alliance group to support Ukraine in these challenging times and look forward to continuing our cooperation in the future.

Yours faithfully,



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