

DECLARATION OF THE MAYORS FROM MAYORS FORUM IN GENEVA

April 5th 2022

We, the Mayors of European cities, gathered at UNECE conference in Geneva to share our experience on how we can make our cities better places to live.

We, the mayors, declare that the Russian invasion of Ukraine, however, is the single most important topic for Europe and all the free world.

As no city can prosper being under attacks, we, the mayors:

- demand Russia and Belarus to stop aggression immediately;
- ask all the international institutions, including UN, and all the states to use all their powers to stop Russian invasion of Ukraine;
- invite all international institutions, states and cities to contribute to the rebuilding of Ukrainian cities;
- we, the mayors, are committed to support Ukrainian civil society and municipalities in crisis management, post-war reconstruction and reconciliation. We are actors of peace. Our cities are engaged next to governments, NGOs and citizens to provide help, welcome war refugees from Ukraine.

We, the mayors of free cities, stand united with Ukraine.

Declaration was signed by the Mayors:

1. Remigijus Šimašius, Mayor of Vilnius
2. Martins Stakis, Mayor of Riga
3. Pekka Timonen, Mayor of Lahti
4. Vitor Aleixo, Mayor of Loulé
5. Mick Finn, Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork City
6. Ernst Woller, First President of the Parliament of Vienna
7. Ioseb Khakhaleishvili, Mayor of Kutaisi
8. Matjaž Rakovec, Mayor of Kranj
9. Andria Basilaia, Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi
10. Tomaso Rossini, Captain of the Castle of San Marino
11. Amir Kochavi, Mayor of Hod Hasharon
12. Elizabeth Sackey, Mayor of Accra
13. Alexandru Ambros, Mayor of Ungheni
14. Gabriel Plesa, Mayor of Alba Iulia
15. Lenka Antalová Plavuchová, Deputy Mayor of Bratislava
16. Ivan Vukovic, Mayor of Podgorica

17. Sharon Dijksma, Mayor of Utrecht
18. Mihhail Kõlvart, Mayor of Tallinn
19. Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria
20. Peter Danielsson, Mayor of Helsingborg
21. Begoña Villacís Sánchez, Deputy Mayor of Madrid