

Frank Ross The Rt Hon Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh

Vitaliy Klitschko Mayor of Kyiv Kyiv City State Administration 36, Khreshchatyk Str Kyiv 01044 Ukraine 24 February 2022

Dear Mayor

I am writing to you on behalf of the people of Edinburgh to express deep sorrow at the events unfolding in Ukraine.

During the pandemic our cities have supported each other, and rest assured that as a city, I want to offer Edinburgh's future unqualified support for Ukrainian independence, sovereign integrity, and to reassure you that we stand in solidarity with you and your people.

This is a difficult and deeply troubling time for Kyiv, your city, Edinburgh's cherished twin city and the capital of the democratic independent country of Ukraine. Again, I want to assure you that we stand ready to provide whatever support we can, as we have since our twinning in 1989.

Finally, we hope that you, your family and your citizens remain safe, and the current conflict will be resolved peacefully in the near future.

Yours sincerely

FRANK ROSS LORD PROVOST