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Executive Director

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Dear madam Commissioner Denisova,

in my position as Executive Director of the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights, the Slovak national human rights institution and equality body, I would like to condemn the military conflict provoked by the Russian Federation in Ukraine. I would also like to express my deepest sympathy and solidarity with your institution, your staff and the people of Ukraine.

I have taken the information you provided in your urgent letter in consideration and turned to the relevant national authorities. In my letter to the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, which I also shared with the Slovak President, the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Defence, I shared the information about the situation at the border between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic. I have requested information about further measures to be adopted to secure protection of human rights of persons fleeing through the border to escape the war and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Madam Commissioner,

I give you my assurance that the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights will make all the efforts within its capacity and mandate to address the situation and will continue monitoring the situation. I am also committed to provide support to international organisations and agencies in monitoring observance of human rights at the borders. I will be glad to share the relevant information and findings with your institution.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Lyudmyla Denisova
Commissioner
Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights