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Mr. Frédéric Vallier
Secretary General
Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Dear Mr. Vallier,

The Association of Ukrainian Cities expresses its respect to the Council of European Municipalities and Regions and provides the following information.

The Russian occupation administration on the temporary occupied territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – is going to conduct elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation on September 17-19, 2021. In addition, the aggressor country plans to enlist into the election process citizens of Ukraine with illegally issued passports of the Russian Federation citizens living on the temporarily occupied territories in the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine.

In this regard, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Organizing the elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation on the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – Russian Federation acts against the principles and norms of international law, Resolutions of the UN General Assembly, effective bilateral and multilateral treaties;
- Any election processes in the occupied Crimea, organized by the aggressor state, are non legitimate, and their results are juridically worthless, as the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol remain the integral part of the sovereign territory of Ukraine;
- Involving to the voting those citizens of Ukraine, who live on the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine – certain regions of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, as well as 1,5 million voters in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea – will substantially distort the results of the elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

In this regard, we kindly request you to forward this message to CEMR member associations and to warn them and their members not to act as observers at the above-mentioned elections on the temporary occupied territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as Rostov oblast of the Russian Federation. We also inform you that attendance of the temporary occupied territory of Ukraine should be conducted only in accordance with the laws of Ukraine. Their violation may result in administrative or criminal liability in accordance with the laws of Ukraine.

Sincerely,
Chairman

Vitaliy KLITSCHKO