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Today, Ukraine is resisting Russia's full-scale invasion. The war continues, peaceful Ukrainians are perishing, and millions of citizens are forced to leave their homes in search of safe places.

Ukraine is fighting not only for its freedom, but also for the freedom of Europe and the whole world. Ukrainian citizens, at the cost of their own lives, are stopping dictatorship, totalitarianism, and imperial expansion.

Ukraine is fighting not only to preserve its democracy, but also to preserve democracy in general. The world understands and recognizes this, providing Ukraine with all kinds of support.

Thanks to everyone who joined the defence of democracy and freedom on the side of Ukraine!

We have a lot of work ahead of us to revive the country after the war. Ukraine's European integration course determines the content and ways of reconstructing Ukraine as a whole, as well as the reconstructing the infrastructure of territorial communities and the local economy.

Reconstruction of Ukraine can be successful only with the participation of local governance. Because, the revival of Ukraine is the revival of communities. Only such an approach to post-war reconstruction will allow Ukraine to enter the path of rapid stable growth. A successful Ukraine can only be a country of successful communities.

The world community should help Ukraine to revive! International experience and support will help Ukrainian communities rebuild and further develop.

Joining the efforts of leaders of democratic countries, associations of municipalities and communities on a single Platform will revive Ukraine, make it stronger and more successful.

Such synergy will allow not only to rebuild the destroyed infrastructure, housing and economy, but also to create preconditions for the world to spread the practices and freedoms embodied today in the Ukrainian struggle for democracy.

The support from the communities of the European Union member-states for granting Ukraine the status of a candidate for EU membership is crucial. This is another step towards a new security system of the world based on the democratic rights and freedoms that are currently being fought for in Ukraine.