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Dear Ukrainian colleagues,

On behalf of the Network of Heads of European Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA Network), we are sending you messages of support and solidarity.

We are shocked and appalled by the unjustified war of the Russian regime against your country, and deeply saddened by the human suffering and destruction that we witness through our media. It is hard to imagine how much personal pain and grieving this must cause for you and your loved ones. We hope with you that this war will end as soon as possible and that the violence will stop.

While environmental issues are for the moment rather insignificant compared to the horrific impacts of the war, we sincerely hope that in the future you will be able to resume your professional activities. At that moment, we would like to invite you to one of our meetings of directors of Environmental Protection Agencies, to signal that we see you as strong partners in Europe and to explore how we can help you in the rebuilding of your activities. We were and will be working together for a more sustainable planet.

We sincerely hope that you can stay safe and that further destruction and human suffering can be avoided as much as possible.

On behalf of the Network and staff of European Environmental Protection Agencies Sincerely yours,

Arnaud Leroy (President French Agency for Ecological Transition)



Dirk Messner (President German Environment Agency)

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