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**The International Renewable Energy Agency  
Director-General  
Mr. Francesco La Camera**

*11 March 2022  
Kyiv, Ukraine*

*Re: excluding the Russian Federation from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) members*

**Dear Mr. La Camera**

Hereby we address an urgent call for a joint effort to protect humanity.

On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation carried out an insidious military operation attack on Ukraine. The settlements are being bombed, civilians are being murdered. During the full-scale war against Ukraine the enemy moved to the deliberate destruction of critical infrastructure and nuclear terrorism in our country.

Ukraine is fighting back the enemy and urging the whole civilized world to join the fight against the aggressor by imposing sanctions.

Actions of the Russian Federation against Ukraine represent a brutal breach of the universal principles and norms of the international environmental law and therefore require immediate response.

A full-scale invasion into Ukraine by the Russian Federation is a flagrant violation of international law, human rights, environmental and nuclear security and global peace. Actions of the Russian Federation pose existential threats to international peace and security and bring unprecedented and long-lasting challenges to the environment and human health and therefore require immediate response.

While all countries around the world are uniting following the goals of zero emissions, sustainable energy and a secure future for next generations, the Russian Federation is ignoring all global principles for the preservation of our planet.

As of today, the objects of critical energy infrastructure of Ukraine are being significantly damaged. Russian troops captured the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone and the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. As of March 9, 2022, according to the Ministry of Energy, as a result of shelling by the occupying forces, the power supply of Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant was disconnected. It can lead to equipment failures and irreversible consequences.

Moreover, there is a risk of Russian terrorism actions which may result the unrestrained global temperature rise, energy collapse and environmental disaster.

Thus, the global nuclear and environmental security both of Ukraine and the whole world is under threat.

We would like to emphasize that during the last decade Ukraine has made a significant contribution to the renewable energy development, reduction of fossil energy consumption and has set a course for decarbonization and "green" modernization of the economy. During 2014-2020 alone, the total share of energy produced from renewable sources in Ukraine increased more than 2 times and amounted 9.2% at the end of 2020.

However as already mentioned the aggression of the Russian Federation destroys the energy infrastructure and stops the "green" energy development leading to the risks of both humanitarian and environmental disaster.

For example, according to the Ukrainian Wind Energy Association, due to the military aggression of the Russian Federation, wind power companies operating in Ukraine have stopped more than 2/3 of generating plants in total. As of March 9, 2022, there was stopped operation of WPPs with a total capacity of 1162.5 MW, 372.5 MW are still in operation.

Today, every country in the world should make all possible efforts to stop Russia's invasion into Ukraine which has the potential to lead to a global environmental disaster.

According to Article 26 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969) every treaty in force is binding upon the parties to it and must be performed by them in good faith. The Russian Federation is in a grave breach of its obligations and commitments under several international environmental conventions and other international treaties.

Taking into account all of the above, we are confident that the actions of the Russian Federation contradict the Charter of IRENA and the goals that the organization sets for itself.

In our strong belief, the Russian Federation as an aggressor country that shamelessly attacked Ukraine, blackmails the entire civilized world with nuclear weapons and by means of the hostilities creates risks of nuclear disaster on the continent and even in the world, has no moral right to be a member of the authoritative and powerful world organization - IRENA, which unites more than 160 countries and contributes to sustainable energy development of humankind.

Therefore, we ask you to consider the issue of excluding the Russian Federation from the IRENA members as a country that violates the principles of sustainable development, energy security and environmental protection.

**Respectfully**

**Head**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Valerii Bezus', written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Valerii BEZUS**