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Mr. Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS
President of the European Committee of the Regions

Dear Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas,

During the martial law, the Association of Ukrainian Cities has begun to work in a number of new areas of its activity caused by the war.

Today the Ukrainian municipalities work in extremely difficult conditions.

Some municipalities are occupied, some are under siege, and some are at the epicenter of hostilities. The municipalities in the rear provide the Armed Forces of Ukraine with everything they need and host the millions of migrants.

Many children are to stay home while their parents do their everyday work. Most of them are restricted from attending educational institutions, and the educational process is mostly carried out online, as more than 780 educational institutions have been damaged or destroyed.

UNESCO supports an initiative to set up summer rehabilitation camps for schoolchildren who have remained in Ukraine and whose parents are fighting at the front lines for the independence of Ukraine and Europe.

If parents understand that their children are safe, that children will be able to rehabilitate according to the European standards, it will make them stronger.

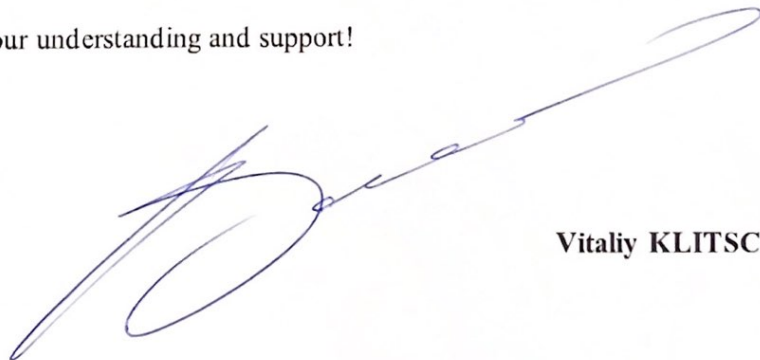
We consider the idea of accepting schoolchildren from Ukraine in rehabilitation and developmental multi-week children's camps in the European countries is timely and worthy of implementation by the European Committee of the Regions.

The Association of Ukrainian Cities has already collected the needs from all regions of Ukraine that are ready to take advantage of this opportunity. Today it is about 15 000 school-age children.

We are ready to take part in organization of such camps for children of defenders of Ukraine and the world.

We hope for your understanding and support!

Sincerely,
Chairman



Vitaliy KLITSCHKO