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Dear Ms. President,

On this sad day, when the Russian Federation, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, has blatantly breached the international law and decided to conduct a military aggression in Europe, let me express, on behalf of the Czech Commission for UNESCO, our unwavering support to Ukraine and solidarity with the Ukrainian people. I would like particularly to extend my heartfelt wishes of courage and strength to you and all the members of the Ukrainian Commission for UNESCO and your colleagues from the UNESCO community and beyond.

As the Czech Minister for Foreign Affairs put it, the unacceptable behaviour of the Russian Federation has nothing in common with modern European politics. Let me assure you that the Czech Republic and its citizens will not remain indifferent to this disturbing and incomprehensible attack, which violates international law and threatens human lives and democracy in Europe. We stand firmly behind the people of Ukraine, a country of rich history and beautiful cultural and natural sites, and reiterate our support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders.

Yours sincerely,

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