Ottawa, Canada K1A 1L1

Re: Authorization for Exemption from Canadian Prohibition of Entry into Canada Order for Ukraine nationals.

This is to advise that pursuant to the following instrument:

"Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada) (P.C. 2022-0041), paragraph 4(5)(f)"

I have authorized the exemption of individuals who meet the following criteria:

• Ukrainian nationals who hold a valid temporary resident visa or temporary resident permit issued under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA)

from the prohibition on entry under section 4(1) of the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada)* ("the Order") on national interest grounds.

This exemption does **not** exempt individuals from quarantine, testing, and other requirements under the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations)*.

In light of the escalating situation in Ukraine and the impact that conflict in that country is now having on the people of Ukraine, including for both internal and external displacement, and given that Canada is home to one of the largest Ukrainian diasporas in the world, and in recognition of the special relationship between Canada and the Ukraine, this exemption is granted on the basis of my determination that facilitating entry for Ukraine nationals holding a valid temporary resident visa or temporary resident permit issued under Canada's *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* to support the people of Ukraine, and to facilitate the immigration measures my Department is taking in response to the situation in Ukraine, is in the national interest.

This exemption may be rescinded or varied at any time.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Sean Fraser P.C., M.P.

Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

c.c. The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P. Minister of Health The Honourable Marco Mendicino, P.C., M.P. Minister of Public Safety The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P. Minister of Foreign Affairs

