



Президент України

Kyiv, «17» March 2026

**Dear President of the European Council,
Dear President of the European Commission,**

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your continued assistance to Ukraine in its struggle for a European future, as well as for your leadership in maintaining a united and strong response of the Union to the russian aggression and support of the peace efforts.

I would like to thank the European Union for the allocation of a EUR 90 billion support loan for Ukraine for the next two years. It is important that this instrument becomes operational as soon as possible allowing the first tranche to be disbursed already at the beginning of April.

The expected 20th package of the EU sanctions on russia is extremely important for fostering peace process.

Allegations that Ukraine is deliberately obstructing oil transportation through the Druzhba pipeline are unfounded. The disruption results from recent russian terrorist attacks on the pipeline and surrounding infrastructure.

Ukraine is a reliable energy partner for the European Union and honours fully its commitments vis-à-vis the European Union. Despite daily threats of russia's ongoing missile and drone attacks, we are undertaking all possible efforts to repair the damage and restore operations, considering the impact on the pipeline itself, the surrounding infrastructure and environment as well.

**H.E. Mr António COSTA
President of the European Council**

**H.E. Ms Ursula von der LEYEN
President of the European Commission**

Brussels

During the winter period, attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure temporarily affected the operation of several pumping facilities along the route. Despite these challenges, Ukraine ensured the continuity of crude oil transportation through responsible coordination with counterparts and necessary operational adjustments. These measures were implemented quietly and responsibly, demonstrating Ukraine's commitment to remaining a reliable energy partner.

The current damage is more serious because the main oil pipeline operates as a single continuous system, and the complete shutdown of the key pumping station disrupts it. Without the functioning of the Brody pumping station, it is technically impossible to maintain the required operating pressure in the pipeline system and ensure the safe transit of oil.

Also, in order to technically restore oil pumping capacity as quickly as possible, we have been working on an alternative technical solution since the first days after the attack.

The repair work on the bypass solution is nearing completion. We expect that within approximately one and a half months the Brody pumping station will restore the technical capability. This will ensure a full restoration of flows, of course in the absence of any further attacks from Russia.

Preliminary technical assessments indicate that the damaged oil tank cannot be restored. Ukraine is therefore considering constructing underground storage infrastructure as a longer-term and more sustainable solution.

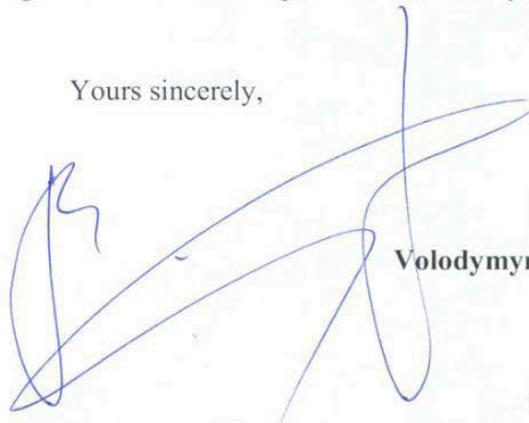
Within this context, I welcome and accept your offer of the necessary technical support and funding to be able to conclude the repair work as well as to explore the longer-term sustainable solutions. In this respect, I will ask the CEO of Naftogas to be in contact with the Ambassador of the European Union to take this forward.

But let me also underline that, despite repeated massive strikes targeting oil pipeline infrastructure, Ukraine remains capable to offer alternative routes for the transit of non-russian crude oil to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

I would also like to reiterate the importance of implementing the EU's decision to fully phase out imports of Russian oil under the REPowerEU initiative by the end of 2027. This would represent a decisive step towards strengthening the European Union's energy independence and eliminating vulnerabilities associated with Russia's use of energy as a weapon.

I look forward to continuing our constructive cooperation and thank you once again for your valuable support.

Yours sincerely,



Volodymyr ZELENSKY