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Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for reaching out to the European Commission on the important issue of the situation of asylum seekers in Europe, particularly in the aftermath of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military attack against Ukraine.

Let me stress that the European Union, hand in hand with its Member States, and in close cooperation with allies and like-minded partners, remains united in their condemnation of the Russian invasion and resolved in their unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

It is also important to acknowledge the herculean efforts by the authorities and the local and regional communities in Europe to address the situation of persons fleeing the war in Ukraine. It is heart-warming to see how EU citizens, the civil society, NGOs, and the national, regional and local authorities are welcoming people and doing so much to deal with the situation and help those in need.

To address the exceptional needs caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Member States swiftly activated the Temporary Protection Directive¹, granting temporary protection in the EU to people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

I would like to respond to your concerns and to underline that this measure is covering not only Ukrainian nationals, but also third country nationals or stateless persons benefiting from international protection in Ukraine and their family members if they resided in Ukraine before or on 24 February 2022. In addition, for third country nationals residing in Ukraine before or on 24 February with a permanent residence permit and who cannot safely return to their country member states Member States have to apply either temporary protection or adequate protection under their national law.

¹ Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/381 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine within the meaning of Article 17 of Directive 2001/55/EC, and having the effect of introducing temporary protection (OJ L 71 of 4.3.2022)