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### **International Committee of the Red Cross**

*Cc.:  
Delegation of the International  
Committee of the Red  
Cross to Ukraine*

The unprovoked and unjust full-scaled war launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine on February 24, 2022 is still ongoing. The aggressor, using the tactics of sieging the cities and villages, prevents the civilians from receiving food, water, heat, medicines and communication. The enemy is trying to provoke a humanitarian catastrophe in surrounded towns by continuing their massive bombardment and airstrikes with rockets and heavy artillery shelling targeted at housing blocks, by destroying the critical infrastructure, and dooming hundreds of thousands of civilian Ukrainians to death. Thousands of people need urgent evacuation.

Ukraine has addressed the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) with the call on urgent action to organize humanitarian corridors to evacuate civilians and deliver humanitarian aid. However, the occupiers are not adhering to the agreements reached. They are constantly disrupting the work of green corridors and shelling the evacuation routes agreed between them and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Due to these humanitarian corridors, about 215,000 people have been evacuated from the areas of humanitarian catastrophe since the beginning of the war.

At the same time, according to the information available to the Ukrainian side, the International Committee of the Red Cross intends to open its office in the city of Rostov-on-Don for allegedly more effective work in the eastern Ukraine. On the background of illegal abduction and deportation of our citizens by the enemy to the Russian Federation or to the territory of Ukraine which is temporarily occupied or annexed by Russia and being uncontrolled by Ukraine (this is already happening today), these actions of the International Committee of the Red Cross are unacceptable.

Thus, according to Mrs. Iryna Vereshchuk, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister on Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, there were none of negotiations hold on any possibility of deporting Ukrainians to Russia and opening an ICRC office near the border with Mr. Peter Maurer, the Chairman of the International Committee of the Red Cross, during his visit to Kyiv.

Therefore, on behalf of all my colleagues - members of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Health, Medical Care and Health Insurance, I am addressing with the following. The Committee strongly opposes opening of the International Committee Red Cross office in the city of Rostov-on-Don. The Committee calls on International Committee Red Cross that it would not legitimize “humanitarian corridors” on the territory of the Russian Federation as well as that it would not support the abduction of Ukrainians and its forced deportation. We call on you to change your decision on this issue.

We hope that you will hear our appeal.

*Glory to Ukraine!*

**Chairman of Committee of  
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine  
on Public Health, Medical Care  
and Health Insurance**



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