

Memorandum
between Ukraine and the Republic of Poland
on strengthening cooperation in the railway sector

The Ukrainian Side and the Polish Side, hereinafter referred to as the Parties:

- Condemning the unjustified and unprovoked military aggression conducted by the Russian Federation against independent and autonomous Ukraine;
- Knowing the importance of the defensive war currently conducted by Ukraine and the scale of losses incurred by Ukraine, both in terms of the number of Ukrainian citizens killed by the aggressor and the number of destroyed infrastructure facilities;
- Responding to the currently changing transport situation in Ukraine i.e. the need to secure supply chains in the conditions of blockade of Ukrainian seaports and disconnection of about 23% of the Ukrainian railroad network, which forces a change of directions of supply streams and impacts on the growing demand for cargo transport through western border crossing points;
- Appreciating the importance of rapid reconstruction of Ukraine after the end of warfare and striving to strengthen the dynamics of development of the regions of both countries and to strengthen the process of rebuilding Ukraine from war damage;
- Recognizing the need for further deepening of economic exchanges between independent and autonomous Ukraine and the Republic of Poland;
- Appreciating the importance of roads and railway lines connecting the two countries, including those connecting Polish seaports on the Baltic Sea with Ukrainian seaports on the Black Sea and key economic centres in both countries;
- Supporting the development of intermodal transport through continuous creation of favourable conditions for the construction, expansion, modernization and efficient operation of elements of linear and point infrastructure, including handling terminals in transportation hubs and at border crossing points;
- Taking care of high quality of transport infrastructure, including border sections in order to ensure high competitiveness of logistics services in both countries and maintain stable supply chains.

In view of the above and optimization the use of the constantly developing potential for economic cooperation and modernized transport infrastructure, including in particular the railway infrastructure in both countries, the Parties state the need to take action to enable the establishment of a joint Ukrainian-Polish joint venture engaged in rail logistics and freight forwarding in both directions between the Republic of Poland and Ukraine.

The parties agree on the need for the Polish and Ukrainian railways to undertake intensive efforts in order to agree on the operational conditions and scope of cooperation, which realizing the objectives set for the freight forwarder in Ukraine, Poland and other EU countries in response to the current political situation. In particular, it should be kept in mind that:

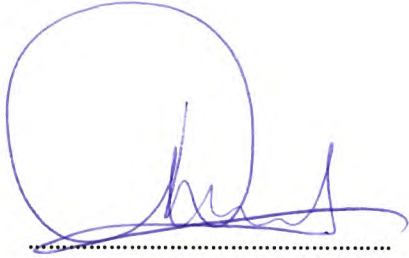
- In connection with the military aggression of the Russian Federation to Ukraine, the transport situation in this country has radically changed. The railway border crossing points with Belarus and Russia were closed. The operation of seaports has been suspended. In this situation, there is a very high demand for transportation of goods through the western border crossing points towards the UE;
- Taking into account a number of conditions such as, among others: different width of tracks necessitating reloading of goods, different customs areas, availability of rolling stock, reloading and transport capacities, it should be stated that organization of transport on a large scale is a complicated project. Implementation of this project requires the establishment of a specialized entity and the involvement of professional staff with appropriate skills in this area;
- Management of the entire logistic chain from the sender to the recipient will allow for the organization of transport, enable full use of available logistical resources, and affect the implementation of large-scale transport in response to market demand. The joint venture's greatest asset will be its know-how, which will allow to offer and provide comprehensive customer service.

The Ukrainian Side and the Polish Side state that:

- There is a great potential for mutually beneficial functioning of the Polish-Ukrainian company specializing in railway forwarding and logistics;
- Both parties declare their will support and promote the activity of the above mentioned company in order to activate and optimize international railway transport between the Republic of Poland and Ukraine and activities to promote economic growth of both countries.

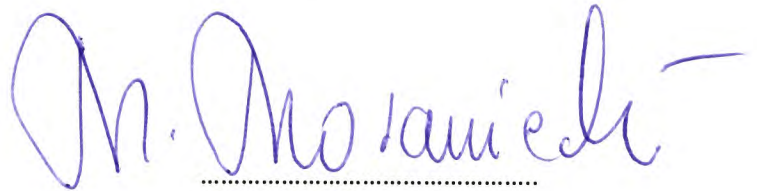
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For the Government of Ukraine



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