



Mr Volodymyr Zelensky, President
Mr. Denys Shmyhal, Prime Minister
via email

Paris, 23 February 2023

Re: Opposition by the National Union of Architects of Ukraine to bill #5655

Dear President,
Dear Prime Minister,

The International Union of Architects (UIA) continues to express its unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine who continue to fight against the invasion of their sovereign nation.

The National Union of Architects of Ukraine (NSAU) has been an active member of the UIA since 1996 and has consistently contributed to the betterment of our organisation to this day.

It has recently been brought to our attention that the NSAU has expressed its opposition to the bill #5655 recommended by the Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development. It is feared that if the bill is passed, urban development in Ukraine will serve the interests of big property development businesses exclusively and that the professional community and local governments will no longer be able to check the quality of construction.

We have received reports that the NSAU representatives, after expressing opposition to the bill, have faced threats and restrictions to their organisation's functions. 20% of Ukrainian architects have been unable to prolong their credentials and thereby pay their salaries and taxes.

Recognised as the only global architecture organisation, the UIA is committed to defend the interests of architects around the world and support the active participation of its Member Sections in the legislative processes of their countries.

During its 151st session, held on 13-14 February 2023, the UIA Council expressed its deep concern about the current situation in Ukraine, and therefore expressly and firmly supported the National Union of Architects of Ukraine in lobbying against this and any other measures that work against the architectural and built environment profession.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.L.C.', written in a cursive style.

José Luis Cortés
President

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