



Bundespräsident
Alexander Van der Bellen

Vienna, 9 May 2023

Dear Mr. van Dassen,

As Federal President of the Republic of Austria, I would like to thank you for your initiative and the Voices of Ukraine project.

More than a year ago, President Putin launched a terrible war of aggression against Ukraine. By including the nuclear ruins of Chornobyl in the war, the Russian army put at risk the health and security of all people in Ukraine but also of Ukraine's neighbours and the whole of Europe.

The Voices of Ukraine project is an important building block in efforts to document these violations of international law and enable the international community to draw conclusions, both in terms of prosecuting possible crimes and of dealing with such acts of war.

At the same time, the initiative is an opportunity to thank the brave employees of the Chornobyl facilities, who, through their courageous commitment and tireless work, managed to prevent another catastrophe. Let me add my voice and express my sincere thanks on behalf of the Republic of Austria!

I wish all of you all the best for the continuation of your important work.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Van der Bellen'.

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