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Dear Secretary Blinken,

We, the undersigned heads of territorial communities, are very grateful for the United States' political, financial, humanitarian and military support provided since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of our country, as well as for the adoption of sanction packages against the aggressor state.

We strongly believe that Ukraine's energy security as well as the energy security and resilience of our communities will benefit from our country's energy transition and the scaling-up of the installation of renewable energy sources.

We acknowledge the important role of emergency energy assistance the U.S. is providing, including through diesel generators. However, in addition to them, **we propose to supply critical social infrastructure - hospitals, water utilities, wastewater treatment plants, schools, kindergartens, city/town councils etc. - with renewable energy solutions.** For example, solar energy systems with storage and heat pumps allow a high level of energy autonomy and resilience in a very short amount of time and could save precious financial resources to Ukrainian communities.

We see several different initiatives already launched by the European Commission¹ and the German government² which are good starting points for a larger more comprehensive approach.

We applaud the latest announcement that the U.S. government will help to restore and decentralize the energy sector at the community level³, and are ready to become pilot communities.

Between us, signatories of this letter, documentation has already been prepared for 40 solar projects at social infrastructure (hospitals, water utilities etc.) and 8 heat pump projects for district heating. We are attaching a general overview and preliminary calculations as Annex I.

It is our hope that the U.S. initiates its own mechanism to provide renewable energy sources and energy efficient equipment as part of emergency energy support directly to municipalities, be it through donations or the creation of special programs. We, from our side, are ready to co-finance any such effort - to cover the costs of some equipment and/or its installation.

We also see the need to complement such efforts with corresponding capacity building activities for local municipal workers and employees of specialized communal enterprises on the topics of renewable electricity, heat and energy efficiency.

We hope you will take into account our position when planning the next steps of your continued support of Ukraine and Ukrainian municipalities.

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¹ Commission welcomes Enel's donation of 3Sun solar PV panels to Ukraine:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_1361

² Reconstruction with renewables: emergency aid, security of supply and climate change mitigation:

<https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/iki-media/news/reconstruction-with-renewables-emergency-aid-security-of-supply-and-climate-change-mitigation/>

³ Deputy PM Kubrakov: Ukraine, US to launch project on energy sustainability of communities:

<https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-economy/3745700-deputy-pm-kubrakov-ukraine-us-to-launch-project-on-energy-sustainability-of-communities.html>

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