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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the membership of the Venetian Cluster we want to offer Ukrainian colleagues, from the cultural heritage manager to the conservation and museum professionals and all those involved in the protection of cultural heritage, our deepest solidarity and support.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces are deplorable, firstly with regard to Human Life and secondly with regard to Cultural Heritage. We have witnessed the enormous strength and courage of the Ukrainian people in these terrible times and we stand with you in opposition to this conflict.

The members of Venetian Cluster that works with you in Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra and the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, developing a great publication on the methodologic approach on the restoration of mosaic and affresco mural paintings, supported by the Italian Ministry of Cultural, Italian Trade & Investment Agency, and the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, wants to point out the deeply human and professional relationship lying between our staff and organizations. Visiting, working and operating incoming activities with you several times under the International and European cooperation feelings would have wanted to generate a better present of great opportunities for everybody.

The war is depriving the Ukrainian citizens of being members of a free and progressive Europe of rights, civilization, historical and cultural values.

For those reasons, we once again reiterate the absolute support that Venetian Cluster gives to our Ukrainian colleagues, in the hope that soon the conflict will be resolved and peace will return to these troubled territories.

Wish you all the best,

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