

# The Social Affairs Ministers of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia strongly condemn the unprovoked Russia's massive invasion of democratic Ukraine

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In these dark hours, we stand united with Ukraine and its people and encourage all the European Union Ministers responsible for social affairs to join our efforts to ensure the humanitarian support to the Ukrainian people.

We underline that the Baltic States are doing all in their power to activate needed human and financial resources to be ready to accept the Ukrainian citizens and to provide them with the necessary assistance, including food, accommodation and psychological support.

We invite to encourage civil society together with international NGO's to strengthen humanitarian aid for Ukrainian people. All international NGO's (such as International Committee of the Red Cross and other International NGO's such as *Order of Malta Relief Organisation, Caritas, Save the Children International, The Global FoodBanking Network*) are our committed partners who can provide assistance for people in need in Ukraine.

Let's encourage our people to support these organisations and Ukrainian people.

Slava Ukraini!

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