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Dear Mr. Tsoj,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 8 August 2023 concerning the humanitarian work by your organization Children's Freedom for Future, supporting orphanages in Ukraine.

Thank you for sharing details on the work to ensure the safety of orphans in Ukraine. I am struck by your commitment to deliver assistance while war is ravaging families and communities, causing unspeakable suffering, and taking a toll on the most vulnerable.

I follow the humanitarian situation closely and recognize the scale of the problem and the extremely difficult circumstances in which you are working. Some 18 million people need humanitarian assistance. The UN and humanitarian partners have reached 7.9 million with aid so far in 2023, while aiming to reach 11.1 million by the end of year.

Despite this, I am concerned that humanitarian needs will persist, and possibly increase in Ukraine. I recognise the importance of both keeping orphans and other children deprived of parental care safe and providing them with access to the needed services during the conflict. The UN continues to support governments and its partners in seeking ways to ensure the protection and wellbeing of these children, noting the importance of ensuring that they are reared in a family-based environment, whether with their biological family or another family-based alternative care solution, in line with the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/64/142 on the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children.

I thank you again for your continued support to the humanitarian response.

Yours sincerely,



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