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United Nations Under-Secretary-General
Executive Secretary of the
United Nations Economic Commission for
Europe
Mr. Christian Friis Bach

Сс: Acting Director-General at the United
Nations Office in Geneva
Mr. Michael Møller

Dear Sirs,

Let me present my compliments to you and express my deep gratitude for the assistance provided for many years by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for trade development and facilitation in Ukraine, notably, for its support to the innovative project of a “Single Window” in the ports of Odessa: the first Port Community System in the transition economies, and for establishing a national trade facilitation body.

The Port Community System pilot project is a prelude to larger national projects in Ukraine. A key element in this effort were the four annual UNECE seminars in Odessa, organized in 2011-2014 by the UNECE Regional Adviser Mario Apostolov, in collaboration with the Government and business community of Ukraine. Mr. Apostolov provided valuable policy advice, notably for the development of the Odessa Port Community System and of an Interagency Working Group – a national public-private, interagency trade facilitation body, in compliance with UNECE’s Recommendation 4. The latest UNECE Odessa seminar, which took place on 27 May 2014, confirmed this commitment.

Focused on innovative solutions for its economy and trade, Ukraine looks forward to continue to receive methodological support from UNECE. Ukraine is now at a crucial point of its development towards a market economy and democracy, struggling for the elimination of certain negative phenomena in the economy and for the preservation of its territorial integrity. It is developing innovative solutions, such as the “Single Window”, for improving its economic and commercial rules and procedures.

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I would like to express my sincere hope that UNECE and its Regional Adviser will continue to provide support for the projects that we have launched together: the “Single Window” solutions in transport sector on the local and national levels, as well as new project on the national trade facilitation strategy development in compliance with UNECE Recommendations and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and a number of other instruments for trade and transport facilitation and development.

Yours sincerely,

Minister



Maksym Burbak