

Ms. Mar de Miguel Colom  
Chair  
Board of the UNTWO Affiliate Members  
World Tourism Organisation  
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Dear Chair,

**UNWTO Extraordinary meeting of Executive Council of 8 March on Ukraine**

HOTREC is the European umbrella organisation representing hotels, bars, restaurants and cafés. Our membership comprises 46 national associations from 37 countries.

The Ukrainian Hotel and Resort Association was one of the most recent associations to join HOTREC. We are proud of their affiliation and willingness to work together to build a successful hospitality and tourism sector.

We strongly deplore and condemn the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. This unprovoked attack on the territorial integrity of a country poses a real threat to peace and security in Europe and beyond.

We stand by our Ukrainian friends. All members of HOTREC, have expressed their deep sorrow at the lives lost and the damage to Ukraine. Across Europe, hospitality business and workers are mobilised to bring assistance to Ukrainian people.

HOTREC has been a longstanding affiliate member of UNWTO. We echo the organisation recent calls that tourism is a force of peace and mutual understanding. Time is of essence to act.

The Executive Council of UNWTO will be meeting on 8 March to consider the request from several of its members to suspend the Russian Federation. HOTREC supports the suspension of the Russian Federation.

As a Chair of the Board of the UNTWO Affiliate Members, we call on your urgent consideration and assurance that our view will be reflected and conveyed to the relevant executive bodies of the organisation.

Yours sincerely,



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HOTRE President