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By email

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Humanitarian situation in Ukraine

Dear Foreign Secretary,

Over the last few days, the world has watched the invasion of Ukraine with horror. The Russian Federation's unprovoked attack on a sovereign state has up ended and destroyed the lives of ordinary Ukrainian citizens. The Kremlin has shown utter disregard for international humanitarian law – it has embarked upon an aggressive path, with Russian forces targeting nurseries, apartment blocks and hospitals.

The humanitarian need created by the Russian Federation's actions is significant; both within the country, and in countries neighbouring Ukraine to which people are desperately fleeing.

I welcome yesterday's announcement that the UK will provide a package of £40 million in humanitarian relief to Ukraine, and urge the FCDO to consider:

- Establishing humanitarian corridors within Ukraine to provide safe routes for the passage of refugees, and to enable the safe passage of humanitarian supplies
- Scaling up humanitarian support to aid agencies and local organisations operating within Ukraine
- Scaling up the provision of UK humanitarian expertise and humanitarian support to countries along Ukraine's borders receiving refugees
- Supporting Ukraine's new application before Russia to the International Court of Justice

We must stand together with our Ukrainian friends at this desperate time.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Champion MP

Chair of the Committee