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Dear Mr. Eggert,

On behalf of the Embassy of Ukraine in the United States of America let me present to you my compliments and kindly draw your attention to the following matter.

There is a longstanding consensus between the countries of the World that a forceful, military takeover of a foreign territory does not entitle an aggressor to sovereignty over that territory. Such consensus is enshrined in various international legally binding documents and principles of international law.

In relation to Ukraine, this principle means that despite Russia is temporary occupying the Crimean peninsula, this territory legally belongs to Ukraine. Ukraine, accordingly, rightfully exercises its sovereignty over the Crimea, including, enforcement of its Constitution, laws, and regulations.

The Government of the United States of America firmly stands together with Ukraine in support of its territorial integrity and inviolability of Ukraine's internationally recognized borders. Secretary Pompeo's Crimea Declaration of July 24, 2018 is crystal clear on that: "the U.S. rejects Russia's attempted annexation of Crimea and pledges to maintain this policy until Ukraine's territorial integrity is restored".

In light of the above, I kindly ask you to look into the decision to change the Crimea Internet timezone to UTC+3.

I strongly believe this decision not only undermines the sovereignty of Ukraine over the peninsula, but also sends erroneous message to millions of Internet users that violations of law and order, should it be international, or domestic, can gain you some profits. As it nowadays clearly sends message to Russia that it can go on with its aggressive military takeover of other countries – the world is going to tolerate it. So how far the Internet community would let Russia, and perhaps others, go? I firmly believe they should be stopped immediately.

In this regard, I strongly encourage you to revise that decision, and rectify the Crimea Internet timezone to UTC+2 as it is established by the relevant laws and regulations of Ukraine. The Embassy would be more than happy to furnish you with any additional documents, and answer questions if any.

Finally, I kindly ask that you look at the Central Intelligence Agency Standard Time Zone of The World map available here: https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/attachments/images/large/standard_time_zones_of_the_world.jpg?1557937862 . I strongly believe that the CIA is a sufficiently credible source of official information that you could take into account while considering my request.

I hope to fruitfully cooperate with you on this matter, and on other matters in future.

Sincerely,



Andrii Yanevskyi

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