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RE: Strategy for the Development of the Hunting Industry of Ukraine

To:

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine,
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine,
Office of the President of Ukraine,

Cc. Public Union "All-Ukrainian Association Hunters and users hunting grounds"

We are writing to you regarding the Strategy for the Development of the Hunting Industry of Ukraine. We understand that this initiative will be discussed on 21 June 2023 at the All-Ukrainian state meeting on the reform of the hunting industry.

FACE represents the national hunting associations from 37 countries in Europe and the collective interest of Europe's 7 million hunters. Since 1977, FACE is one of the most respected and credible interest groups recognised by the European institutions in all matters related to hunting, wildlife management, animal health and welfare, firearms and the representation of hunters' legitimate interests. We are long-standing members of IUCN and observers to all major nature conventions (e.g. CITES, CBD, CMS, AWEA, Ramsar, the Bern Convention).

In April 2023, the Public Union "All-Ukrainian Association Hunters and Users Hunting Grounds" became the FACE Member organisation for Ukraine.

We commend the work undertaken in preparing this document, which will ensure that hunting in Ukraine is in line with key EU and international principles that recognise legitimacy of sustainable wildlife use within their territory. As a candidate-EU country, it is important to point out that the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives, which are the cornerstone of the EU's nature conservation policy, provide a strong context for sustainable hunting in Europe. Further, the Sustainable Hunting Initiatives of the EU¹ and the European Charter on Hunting and Biodiversity are appropriate references for sustainable hunting and wildlife management.

FACE supports the Strategy for the Development of the Hunting Industry of Ukraine. A continued hunting moratorium would have negative consequences for the fauna and flora of Ukraine and would put your country at odds in view of its future accession to the European Union.

We remain at your disposal should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

¹ See: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/wildbirds/hunting/index_en.htm



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