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Ms. Tetiana Berezhna
Acting Minister
Ministry of Culture and Strategic
Communications of Ukraine

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Reply: Culture Resilience Alliance

Dear Ms. Tetiana Berezhna,

Estonia remains firmly committed to supporting Ukraine and stands by you in the urgent task of protecting and preserving Ukraine's cultural identity. We strongly condemn Russia's full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine, and its deliberate attacks on Ukrainian culture, cultural heritage and identity.

We fully support your initiative to establish the Culture Resilience Alliance, which emphasizes the vital role of culture as a driver of resilience, recovery, development and peacebuilding in times of war and post-crisis transformation.

Enhanced international cooperation is essential to support Ukraine. Therefore building a network of partnerships through the Culture Resilience Alliance is both timely and absolutely necessary. As a small country, Estonia cannot provide extensive financial assistance, but we are eager to contribute in areas where our expertise is strongest, as we have confirmed in response to the Commissioner Micallef's Team Europe initiative. Estonia is therefore ready to contribute to the Alliance's key priorities, for instance, by sharing our know-how in capacity building and providing (online) trainings in the digital transformation of cultural heritage management, as well as by aiding Ukraine's resilience and recovery through support for Ukrainian creatives, enabling them to continue their work. For the latter, the Ministry of Culture of Estonia has a special Ukrainian Fund. These are just some of the ways we stand ready to help, and we look forward to learning more about Ukraine's current needs.

Estonia hereby expresses its wish to join the Rome Manifesto on the Culture Resilience Alliance.

Yours sincerely,

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