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The Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Estonia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and has the honour to inform the Ministry of the following.

The Embassy has become aware that on February 15 at 18:00, Sõprus Cinema is scheduled to screen the Russian film "In Your Sleep, You Cried Bitterly", directed by Mr. Yuri Solodnikov.

While the film itself supposedly may not carry an overt political message, and the director is perceived to hold antiwar views, its lead actress, Ms. Polina Agureeva, is an outspoken supporter of Russia's war against Ukraine. She has also actively spread anti-Ukrainian disinformation and has illegally traveled to and performed in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.

According to media reports, in 2023, Ms. Polina Agureeva was banned from entering Latvia due to her involvement in pro-Kremlin propaganda and her public endorsement of Russia's so-called "special military operation."

The scheduled screening of this film on the eve of the third anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and Estonia's Independence Day - two significant dates that symbolize both the fight for freedom and the commemoration of hard-won independence - came as an unexpected and regrettable development for the Ukrainian Side.

The Ukrainian Side kindly urges the Estonian Side to take all possible measures to cancel the screening of the Russian film "In Your Sleep, You Cried Bitterly" at Sõprus Cinema.

The Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Estonia avails itself of this opportunity to remew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia the assurances of its highest consideration.

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