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Dear Chairman Petryshyn,
Distinguished Judges,
Dear Colleagues,

It is a particular honour for me to extend to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, on behalf of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Austria, our warmest congratulations on the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment.

It is an anniversary that could hardly be marked under more tragic circumstances. An entire nation is being held in the grip of a war of aggression waged in violation of international law and of a relentless threat to its people and to its infrastructure as a whole. This has undoubtedly had a profound effect on the work of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine - above all in personal terms, for each of its judges and members of staff and for their families - and equally on the work of the Court as an institution.

Yet, in spite of these circumstances, the Constitutional Court of Ukraine plays an important role in defending the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

Seen in this light, today is not merely a day on which to recall the founding of an institution essential for the modern constitutional state. It is a day that invites us to pause and to look back upon a body of case-law developed in the endeavour to secure those very values, as fully as possible, for the citizens of Ukraine and for the remarkably strong European civil society they form.

Recalling the excellent relations between our two Courts, I look forward to the opportunity of continuing in the years to come the valuable and enriching professional exchange we have enjoyed in the past.

Please accept, Mr Chairman, together with my renewed congratulations, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ch Grabenwarter', is positioned above the printed name.

Univ.-Prof. DDr. Christoph Grabenwarter