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**Mr. Paul Eggert**  
**The IESG-designated TZ Coordinator**

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Dear Mr. Paul Eggert,

By this letter let me as the representative of Ukraine to ICANN's GAC inform you about the following.

The State Agency for e-Governance of Ukraine is the national authority of Ukraine that is responsible for matters related to Internet governance, including those within the purview of ICANN.

We have discovered mistakes in the Time Zone Database. In particular, the time zones, country code and coordinates for the part of Ukrainian territory, namely the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Simferopol, and Sevastopol, are determined incorrectly. As far as we are aware, the **Zone Europe/Simferopol** was changed to MSK on the grounds of Russian Federation citizen appeal (Mr. Alexander Krivenyshev). The appeal was filed after Russian military intervention in Autonomous Republic of Crimea followed by the illegal annexation of the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

We would request your immediate attention that change of this specified time zone is a gross violation of the rules of international law, namely:

- United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/262, adopted on March 27, 2014 by the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly in response to the Russian annexation of Crimea, entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine";
- United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 71/205, 72/190, 73/263: Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine);



- United Nations General Assembly Resolution 73/194: Problem of the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

Taking into account the above, we urge you to resolve this situation by determining **EU EE%ST** time for **Zone Europe/Simferopol** in Time Zone Database and identify **UA** as a country code for Europe/Simferopol.

At the same time, we draw your attention to the decision of The United States Board on Geographic Names. English spelling of Ukraine's capital has changed from Kiev to **Kyiv** (source: <https://www.kyivpost.com/world/kyiv-not-kiev-us-changes-spelling-of-ukrainian-capital.html>). In this regard, we ask you to update the spelling of Kyiv in all existing databases of your organization.

Sincerely,

**Oleksandr Ryzhenko**

Head of the State Agency for e-Governance of Ukraine

Representative of Ukraine to ICANN's GAC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'O' followed by several loops and a final vertical stroke.