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David MacLennan
Chief Executive Officer,
Cargill

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Dear Mr. MacLennan,

We are writing to urge Cargill to immediately suspend its operations in Russia. Cargill brags that it is “one of the biggest foreign investors in agro-processing segment of Russian economy with the amount overrunning \$1,100 million USD.”

Today, this investment in Russia is not something of which Cargill, its owners, employees or customers should be proud. Doing business with and paying taxes to President Putin’s government is fueling Russia’s war machine and the invasion of democratic Ukraine.

Cargill responded to the invasion by closing a significant part of its Ukrainian operations. That is understandable, given the security risks. However, exiting Ukraine while continuing much larger operations in Russia is perverse.

It is time for Cargill to instead stand with the citizens of Ukraine in their hour of need – and move towards a business model that supports democracy and away from enabling and financing tyrants and dictators.

We hope this shift will spur a broader reexamination of Cargill’s role in the world, spurring the company to move away from being a business that supports authoritarian governments, drives destruction of ecosystems and displacement of Indigenous peoples, and makes an outsized contribution to climate change.

Other agribusinesses look to Cargill as the standard-setter in the industry. At a time when millions of Ukrainians are suffering terribly, it is in your hands to take action to ensure that you are not contributing to this effort at national destruction. Please do the right thing and suspend Cargill’s operations in Russia immediately.

Sincerely,

Ukraine

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