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Head Offices and Representative Offices in Ukraine
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Dear partners,

Recent events in Ukraine have had a direct influence on many companies' business that are working on the Ukrainian market, because a part of Ukrainian territory was illegally annexed to the territory of the Russian Federation.

We recall the main events that led to this annexation. On March 1, 2014, Russian President V. Putin made an appeal to the Russian Federation Federal Council in order to get a permission to use the Russian armed forces on the territory of Ukraine "till the normalization of the political situation in this country". Although unmarked Russian troops actually have already been at the Crimea. The Federation Council unanimously adopted this resolution at an extraordinary meeting by agreeing to the deployment of Russian troops in the Crimea. After this the part of the territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea – was actually completely occupied by Russian troops.

Ukrainian and international community have characterized these actions of Russia as a military invasion into the independent state and a violation of its territorial integrity.

On March 16, a referendum on the Crimea status was held, but it contradicted the Ukrainian Constitution. This referendum was not recognized by the European and world community. Voting was carried out at the occupied territory with numerous offenses against the law. The referendum result - more than 96 per cent of voters were in favor of joining the Crimean peninsula to the Russian Federation. An agreement on the adoption of the Crimea as a new subject of the Russian Federation was signed on March 18 on the referendum basis.

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Most EU, North and South American, Asian countries, as well as representatives of influential international organizations did not recognize the referendum, which were held under military occupation and with numerous offenses against the law. Now we can see how the international community reacts by the introduction of political and economic sanctions.

The Association of Information Technology Enterprises of Ukraine (AITEU) urge you, the business representatives, suppliers of hardware and software, not to support the unconstitutional regime and illegal separation of the Ukrainian territory, and not to avow the Crimea as a part of the Russian Federation.

To demonstrate the support for the Ukrainian people's struggle to build up a new country on the European and international law basis within its constitutional boundaries we urge you not to support the activities of Russian distributors in Crimea. We ask you not to give them the appropriate permissions, and not to give Russian distributors the rights for your products logistics, sales and service as well as the rights to conduct any marketing activities to promote your products and services.

Note that the AITEU members work effectively throughout all Ukraine. The companies have established business relationship and have representative offices and distribution channels, including the territory of Crimea. Even during the escalation provoked by the Russian troops presence in Crimea, the AITEU members continued to sale and delivery goods there.

Ukrainian companies intend to continue their work in Crimea. To coordinate the actions of all Ukrainian IT-market participants it is vital now to understand your attitude to this statement. We ask you to share your vision of this situation and your further business plans at the territory of Crimea before May 1, 2014.

Russia's actions in the Europe's heart in the 21st century actions are considered as nonsense and crime. We urge you to support the Ukrainian IT-companies in their right to doing business under the law and business ethics.

Ellina Shnurko-Tabakova

Head of the Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ellina Shnurko-Tabakova', is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.