



CHORTKIV CITY COUNCIL



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Dear Rosa Gudbjartsdottir,

As a result of the full-scale invasion on the territory of Ukraine by the Russian Federation on February 24, 2022, for 10 months in a row we have been fighting the enemy who continues the active phase of the war, carrying out airstrikes and shelling with large caliber rockets against the civilians and civil infrastructure.

Since the first day of the war, our community has welcomed and assisted 3,452 people who have been displaced from areas of active fighting.

On June 11, 2022, the Russian Federation also struck the town of Chortkiv in the Ternopil region with four cruise missiles. Four five-story buildings and one dormitory were destroyed and 438 apartments were damaged.

Chortkiv is an ancient city in Ukraine, located in the southern part of Western Podillia. In September this year it celebrated the 500th anniversary of receiving the city status. Chortkiv is the administrative center of the Chortkiv urban territorial community, which includes 6 villages. The area of the territorial community is 127.5 km² with a population of 36,561 people.

From the beginning of its formation, Chortkiv city territorial community has been successfully developing in the fields of culture, tourism, education, youth, sports and for several years has been establishing twin cities relations with Europeans, who promote mutual partnership and exchange of experience between cities.

With the aim of establishing new international relations and gradual integration into the European community, we ask the city Hafnarfjordur (Iceland) to consider the offer to become our twin city for further cooperation and exchange of experience in the areas of energy efficiency, investment attraction, economic development, cultural tourism, art, sports, education, health care, in the field of electronic services and other areas of community development.

We hope for a mutually positive result and invite you to visit the city of Chortkiv.

With deep respect and gratitude

Chortkiv mayor

Volodymyr SHMATKO