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To the attention of the Board of Directors of the Society for the Conferring of the  
International Charlemagne Prize,

We hereby propose Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine for an extraordinary  
International Charlemagne Prize 2022, also the first Ukrainian personality that could receive  
this award.

We are aware the prize has already been awarded to the Belarusian political activists, but also  
aware of the exceptional nature of the period we currently live, we believe we must  
acknowledge the contributions by President Zelenskyy right away.

We consider that the role-played by Mr.Zelenskyy´s pro-European leadership and by the  
people of Ukraine, make them worthy of this important recognition.

During his time as president, he has brought the country closer to the European ideals, while  
bravely defending these very same values in front of the most coward and unjustified military  
aggression since 1945 on our continent.

In his three-year mandate, President Zelenskyy has pushed forward the political and economic  
incentives agreed in the Association Treaty signed the 5th of May 2014. He has prioritized the  
Ukrainian-European ties and shown devotion for a peaceful, inclusive, and democratic  
Ukraine.

The people of Ukraine, on the other hand, prove to the world their immense courage,  
organizing themselves to oppose a foreign invader and not hesitating in action to defend their  
country. There are many brave men and women who have chosen to remain in Ukraine and to  
them must go our solidarity, our help and our respect.



We take the occasion to thank you for the important contribution of the Society for the Conferring of the International Charlemagne Prize to the construction of the European Union.

Kindest regards,

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