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Dear partner cities and organizations,

The city of Chernihiv kindly asks for whatever help you could provide to reinstall public transport services in the city.

Chernihiv is a regional center, located in north-eastern Ukraine, where more than 300 thousand people used to live prior to 24 February 2022. Russian invasion to Ukraine made this city a frontier on the way of their troops to Kyiv and for 1.5 months it stood still to protect the capital. Chernihiv had a more-or-less typical transport infrastructure, as for the Ukrainian regional center of 300 thousand inhabitants. Its public transport network was comprised of two segments: city-owned and private. City-owned public transport network was based on trolleybuses with the network covering most of the city and virtually all corridors with high demand. In total, the city had a trolleybus network of 110 km and owned 99 vehicles of which 40 were accessible and purchased within the last 7 years. Private operators used to run small to medium buses, predominantly high-floor, partially duplicating trolleybus networks. About 180 buses were used in the city.

After the attack of regular Russian troops on the territory of Ukraine and active hostilities in the Chernihiv region, the heroic city of Chernihiv has suffered devastating destruction of residential areas, industrial buildings and road infrastructure.

As a result of ruthless artillery and mortar shelling by the enemy ground troops and air bombardments, the city's transport sector was severely damaged. Due to this, urban public transport system was almost completely destroyed: public-owned trolleybus infrastructure is strongly damaged and low-capacity buses of the private operators have been mobilized for military purposes. Therefore, currently the city has no passenger services and will be unable to serve its residents without support.

To reinstall public trolleybus system, the city would welcome expertise and materials to repair damaged overhead catenary and power infrastructure, in particular:

- Rehabilitation of the catenary itself (about 45 km), including switches and crossings;
- Replacement of catenary poles (100 pc.);

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- Replacement of 10kV cables that power the traction substations (about 20 km);
- Replacement of low-voltage (600V) equipment of the traction substations.

In addition to this, the city would appreciate donation of any quantity of used trolleybuses to replace rolling stock beyond economic repair.

Reconstruction of trolleybus infrastructure and reinstallation of the pre-war fleet of private buses will require time, however there is already an urgent need to transport passengers to rebuild destroyed enterprises and industries, relaunch both individual industries and the urban economy as a whole.

In order to immediately overcome transport collapse and restore transport connections, to transport residents of the city to their workplaces, Chernihiv urgently needs to have up to 60 buses on city routes.

Given this situation, we kindly ask you to help the city of Chernihiv to obtain 60 units of passenger buses (with capacity of 100 passengers or more). Also, if possible, spare parts for further maintenance of such vehicles will be highly appreciated – before the war there were no public-owned bus services (only trolleybuses), so there is no stock of bus-specific spare parts.

The contact person in Chernihiv will be Oleksandr RYZHYI (transport@chernigiv-rada.gov.ua), the head of the Department of Transport Infrastructure and Communications.

Thank you for your understanding and help and cooperation!

Glory to Ukraine!

Let's rebuild Ukraine together!

Yours Sincerely,
the mayor of Chernihiv



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