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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending tonight's benefit dinner launching the "Guardian Angels Ukraine" Project. I would particularly like to welcome special guests, Ms. Tetiana Chornovol, Dr. Ruslan Dobrovolsky and Dr. Vsevolod Stebliuk who have travelled from Ukraine for this event.

Canada stands with the Ukrainian people as they work to restore political and economic stability in the face of ongoing Russian military aggression. Guardian Angels Ukraine initiatives will complement the Government of Canada's efforts to provide for the humanitarian needs of those affected by the violent crisis.

Everyone in attendance can take satisfaction in knowing that proceeds from tonight's event —hosted by the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women under the auspices of the International Council in Support of Ukraine— will support rehabilitation centres and physiotherapy programs for military personnel who have been severely maimed or injured defending Ukrainian national interests. I commend you for supporting disabled veterans of the conflict on their road to recovery.

Please accept my best wishes for every success in meeting your fundraising objective.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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