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Deputy Director of Suburban Passenger Transportation
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Oleg BOKOV
Management board member
Oleksandr PERTSOVKYI

Dear Mr. Pertsovkyi and Mr. Bokov,

Thank you for your letter dated June 27th, 2024. We wish to start by expressing our commitment and continued support to Ukraine.

The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB) is the national focal point for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM), which is Norway's established channel for civil donations to Ukraine. Since 2022 Norway has delivered more than 5000 metric tons with in-kind-assistance to the people of Ukraine through UCPM working together with 35 member states. We will continue our support to Ukraine channeled through the system of Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM).

From your letter 27th June 2024 we understand that legal matters under the Ukrainian Law and regulations restricts Ukrainian railway authorities to receive the donation in question and that there also are several issues regarding the utilization of the decommissioned trains from Norway for public use in Ukraine,

Norway takes note of the conclusions in your letter. We understand the complexity of the donation and that no solution has been found to go through with this donation. We pay particular attention to your conclusion: "Proceeding with the project without confirmed ability to deploy trains for public benefit would be highly irresponsible".

Given the new information we have received we agree with your conclusion that this donation cannot proceed. We will therefore formally retract the offer and inform the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS). Norway will follow up the lessons learnt from this process with the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) and Emergency response coordination Center ERCC.

Let us assure you of Norway's continued support for Ukraina.

Yours sincerely,

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