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Kyiv, Ukraine

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Dear Dr. Gorokhovskiy,

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you and to the management of Coop Ukraine for the exceptional organisation of the Board of Directors meeting in Kyiv on 11 and 12 April 2018. The meeting was a milestone in more than one way - it marked the first-ever Association statutory meeting in Ukraine, but it also approved amendments to the Association Statutes, which will forever change the functioning of Euro Coop.

Since joining the European Community of Consumer Co-operatives, Coop Ukraine has been a source of constant support for our Association's activities and has become an integral part of the consumer co-operative family in Europe. The successful meeting in Kyiv is evidence of this and we should all be proud.

Representatives of consumer co-operatives from across Europe were introduced to the power of Coop Ukraine and its impressive plethora of activities. We not only learned about the mission of consumer co-operatives in Ukraine, but we also experienced their relentless drive to serve their members and play a leading role in the lives of communities in all regions of the country. Our study tour to Chernihiv Regional Consumer Co-operative Union was a memorable experience which gave us lasting impressions. In Ukraine, Euro Coop delegates were greeted with the highest honours and were shown unforgettable hospitality, which shall remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

As a Secretariat, our paramount mission is to serve you – the national members. Seeing the successes of Coop Ukraine in safeguarding and promoting the co-operative identity has motivated the team in Brussels to work harder than ever in facilitating intermember exchange and creating more benefits and opportunities for our members to collaborate.

The success of the first Statutory meeting of 2018 has paved the way for a strong year ahead!

With co-operative greetings,



Todor Ivanov
Secretary-General