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Chairman of the Board
Coop Ukraine
Kyiv, Ukraine

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Dear Dr. Gorokhovskiy,
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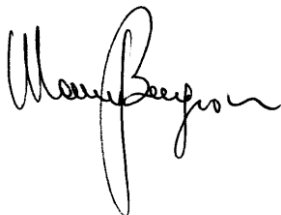
On behalf of the Euro Coop Presidency, please accept my sincere deepest gratefulness to you and Coop Ukraine for the excellent organisation of the Board of Directors meeting in Kyiv on 11 and 12 April 2018. Euro Coop colleagues were welcomed with unforgettable hospitality and openness, which allowed us to get to know Coop Ukraine and the Ukrainian culture as friends.

In times of global challenges and cataclysms, the co-operative movement is one of the forces which unite people across the globe. However, this is no easy task, as co-operatives everywhere face growing difficulties stemming from fast-paced global financial, economic, demographic, climate and even military events. Nevertheless, European consumer co-operatives have chosen the path of unity and co-operation, which we experienced during our stay in your country.

We learned about the significance of the Ukrainian consumer co-operative movement and Coop Ukraine's leading role in promoting the co-operative model in multiple sectors of the economy, which makes you an institution within the everyday life of Ukrainians. You and your colleagues have everything to be proud of.

Euro Coop exists with one sole purpose – to serve the national members. In your capacity as the leader of the Ukrainian consumer co-operative movement, and a true co-operator by heart and education, I rely on your continued assistance and support and I look forward to continuing our joint work within the Board in order to achieve more opportunities for co-operation. Together, we can only become stronger.

With co-operative greetings,



Massimo Bongiovanni
President