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Dear Mr Steele,

Please let me assure you that I and the entire Commission fully share the concerns regarding the brutal aggression and incommensurable suffering of the Ukrainian people. As you certainly know, we have been acting on different strands to support the country, together with our Member States and the other EU institutions.

CEPOL's cooperation with Ukraine is based on the provisions of the Working Arrangement, which was concluded on 5 February 2020 with the Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

As provided in Article 8 of this Working Arrangement, CEPOL cooperates with Ukraine's agencies and training facilities through a National Contact Point, which was set to be, in this particular case, the Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs. Therefore, any involvement in CEPOL's law enforcement training activities by Ukrainian law enforcement academies and institutions, including the Donetsk Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Luhansk State University of Internal Affairs, has been and is vetted and approved by the legitimate Ukrainian government.

It is important to add that both the Donetsk Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Luhansk State University of Internal Affairs were evacuated from Donetsk and Luhansk regions in 2014, keeping their old names, however operating from locations under the Ukrainian government control ever since.

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I fully appreciate EuroCOP's legitimate fears of lending legitimacy to a regime involved in a war on our continent and your concerns on the use of EU public funding in Ukraine under the current circumstances. I share such worries.

However, I am saddened by the fact that CEPOL has been wrongly depicted in the public eye as performing tasks that are illegitimate and against the EU policies vis-à-vis Ukraine. I would kindly ask you, if not done already, to rectify the information that you produced on social media, with a view to at least partly remedying the damage, for the sake of CEPOL's and the EU's credibility and reputation.

Sincerely,



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