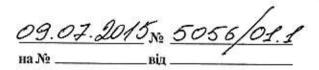


## THE UKRAINIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



Mr. Tsvetan Simeonov President Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dear Mr. Simeonov,

I would like to congratulate you once again with the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and to express my regret for not being able to attend the events related to these celebrations. I also want to thank you for your hospitality to Mr. Valery Korol, UCCI Vice President, who was representing our Chamber at the celebrations.

As you are aware, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July Mr. Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria, had a meeting with representatives of the Ukrainian business community. More than 200 Ukrainian businessmen participated in this meeting thus demonstrating their great interest in developing trade and economic relations with your country.

The President of Bulgaria in his speech noted that Bulgaria fully supports European aspirations of Ukraine and stressed that Ukraine can count on Bulgaria's assistance in this endeavor.

He also noted that Bulgaria has certain interests and ambitions in Ukraine, notably, in the development of transport communications between the two countries, cooperation the energy and medical spheres, financing small and medium enterprises in Ukraine, etc.

The President's speech was warmly received by the Ukrainian participants.

During this event I also had a personal meeting with Mr. Daniel Mitov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria. We discussed practical aspects of further development of our bilateral trade and economic relations. The Minister assured me of full support of these activities by the Bulgarian Government.

I am confident that the meeting of Mr. Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria, with representatives of the Ukrainian business community will give a new impetus to further development of our ties. I also assure you that the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry will do its best for strengthening relations between our chambers and improvement of cooperation between our business people.

Please note, that photos of the President's meetings with the Ukrainian business community will be sent to you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Gennadiy Chyzhykov

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