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Subject: Humanitarian Assistance Needed in Zhytomyr, Ukraine

Dear Partners,

The U.S. Department of State Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia (EUR/ACE) was recently alerted of an increased need for humanitarian assistance in the Zhytomyr Oblast of Ukraine. An assessment of the region conducted in late last month confirmed the need for urgent humanitarian intervention.

The Zhytomyr Oblast, located west of Kyiv, covers an area of approximately 30,000 square kilometers and has an estimated population of 1.3 million residents. The northern part of the Zhytomyr Oblast was highly affected by the Chernobyl disaster. Some of the villages and towns are included in the Chernobyl zone, and are prohibited from engaging in agricultural production. Moreover, industrial production in the oblast decreased significantly. The shortage of government resources and the current global economic recession seemed to have further aggravated the already bleak economy of the oblast.

In response to this need, the U.S. Department of State EUR/ACE office has issued a special request to provide approximately 6 forty-foot ocean containers of humanitarian assistance to vulnerable groups in this region through the Small/Medium Transportation Program (SMTP). This is an open invitation for all SMTP partners who would like to or already work in this region to provide additional humanitarian assistance commodities to the impoverished people of Zhytomyr. If you do not have a consignee in the Zhytomyr Oblast, we can assist you in locating a reliable partner in the region. Please note that assistance provided in response to this invitation will not count against your annual container allocation.

If interested in responding to this humanitarian need or have any questions, please contact Senior Director Rang Hee Kim at [rhkim@counterpart.org](mailto:rhkim@counterpart.org) - (703) 236-3290; or Program Coordinator Meta Menning at [mmenning@counterpart.org](mailto:mmenning@counterpart.org) - (703) 236-3294.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rang Hee Kim", is positioned above the typed name.

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