

**Deputy Head of the  
State Management of Affairs  
Maria Grabovska**

**Cc: General Director of the  
State Organisation "Syniogora Residence"  
Ihor Kapii**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Ref No. 20200604-1

**Subject: Two president bears kept in Syniogora Residence**

Dear Ms. Grabovska,

On behalf of FOUR PAWS / VIER PFOTEN International I am writing to you to confirm our willingness to host two brown bears *Ursus arctos* (male Leo and female Melanka) which are being kept in the President Residence Syniogora in Ivano-Frankivsk region. In our letter dd. 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019, we expressed our concern about the current unsatisfactory conditions for those bears in the said Residence. In the end of November 2019, we were contacted by the Syniogora Residence who agreed to start the procedure of the voluntary handover of Leo and Melanka to BEAR SANCTUARY Domazhyr operated by FOUR PAWS in Lviv region.

As it was mentioned in your letter dd. 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the quarantine measures which are still valid in Ukraine have affected the plans of possible rescue in spring 2020. Nevertheless, we request you to confirm your willingness to hand the aforementioned bears to FOUR PAWS before the quarantine period is over so that we can prepare for the rescue accordingly and relocate them to our BEAR SANCTUARY Domazhyr as soon as the quarantine measures are lifted.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Taras Boiko".

**Taras Boiko**  
Director  
NGO FOUR PAWS Ukraine

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