THE PURPOSE OF THE NATION

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Director of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Public Administration and Civil Service of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ms. Larysa Komakha has the honor to invite Professor, Doctor of Philosophy Jan-Urban Sandal to join the International Round Table and to address its participants with a welcome speech

Dear
Volodymyr Bugrov, Rector of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Candidate of Philosophy, Professor, recipient of award for excellence in education of Ukraine, Honored Worker of Education of Ukraine, Larysa Komakha, Director of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Public Administration and Civil Service of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Doctor of Philosophy, Professor,
Members of the main table,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

August 24 is the date to celebrate Ukraine's independence. We gather today as scientists, representatives of state authorities and local self-government bodies, representatives of international organizations, as well as doctoral students, postgraduates and students of higher education and other interested persons and institutions, to discuss, at the international round table the achievements and prospects of independent Ukraine, to find ways to overcome modern challenges for the state. Ukraine has successfully accomplished achievements in recent decades and is now seeking prospects and vision for its future development. International independent science is a thorough and proven method in all spectrums of innovative-based democratic development, as its duty is the scientific truth.

Therefore, invest your trust in international independent science and build the future, not on modern or false ideologies, which change directions with the blowing winds, but build Ukraine's independence on the wisdom of eternal values that come not from any kings or generosity of states, but from the laws of nature.

A nation with a purpose will stand. A nation without a purpose cannot stand, and will consequently fall. This is not a self-fulfilling prophecy. This is the reality. Do not look to the north or south, do not look to the east or west. Look at yourself. You have everything you need. A standing nation is a nation with deep and long-lasting roots. A standing nation is governed based on the will of the people. A standing nation provides a good life for all. A standing nation is a good home for all its citizens, young and old, male and female, poor and rich, healthy and sick, strong and weak, stranger and friend. A civilized nation is founded by civilized men, and it strengthens and contributes to further development of civilization. The civilized man does not accept inequality, discrimination, privileges, corruption, threats, violence, oppression, slavery, but guides the nation as his own family with respect for the inviolability of life that all men are created equal and are perfectly suited to face every challenge in life in search of happiness.

I welcome you all with the paramount and eternal words joy, peace and liberty.

Rector, Director, Members of the main table, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the attention.

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