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**Minister of Internal Affairs
of the Republic of Poland
Bartłomiej SIENKIEWICZ**

Dear Minister!

On behalf of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and on my own behalf I pay my respects to you and would like to inform you on the following:

As you know, on March 29, 2014, Ukrainian citizens Roman Kushnir and Andrey Khavunko received humanitarian aid from the representatives of the Open Dialog Foundation and the organisational committee “Euromaidan” in Warsaw; the aid consisted of 42 Class 4 bullet-proof vests purchased by the local Polish volunteers for the purpose of donating to the Ukrainian security forces acting in the ATO zone. On the Polish-Ukrainian border R. Kushnir disclosed to the Polish customs officers the nature of cargo he was carrying in his personal car. The Polish customs officers, in turn, regarded this movement as constituting a criminal offence, namely the illicit movement of military or dual use equipment. The persons named above were taken to the district police department of the city of Tomaszów Lubelski, where a criminal case was opened against them aforementioned offence; the case was referred to the Office of the District Public Prosecutor in the city of Zamość.

In the light of the foregoing, I am writing to you on behalf of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, as well as personally, to request you to contribute to the impartiality of the investigation of the abovementioned case, taking into account the circumstances that mitigate the guilt of the Ukrainian citizens, in particular, their innocuous intentions which were to help the Ukrainian military fight international terrorism.

Unfortunately, the issue of supplying the military units involved into the ATO with inventory is extremely relevant now, so I think it necessary to assure you that all the bullet-proof vests coming to Ukraine as humanitarian aid will be used for the purposes intended: for the personal protection of Ukrainian military personnel and law enforcement officers.

I hope for your cooperation in resolving the issue, as well as for further productive cooperation between our offices during this difficult period which Ukraine is enduring.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, dear Minister, every success with regard to your important public position as well as good health and wellbeing.

*Yours faithfully,
Minister*

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Arsen Avakov