

raise concerns about continued discussion among some government officials regarding the need to re-establish regional grain reserves and about the recent appointment of Khlib Ukrainiy as the State Agent for intervention grain purchases.

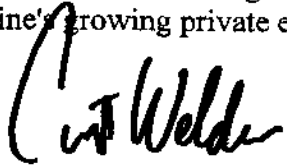
These actions have created considerable doubt and uncertainty among private Ukrainian and international investors and business leaders.

We are confident that the efficient functioning of Ukraine's grain market will continue to develop and should ensure the availability of sufficient, high-quality grain at reasonable prices even in the face of low domestic production. In that light, we urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to put an end to the uncertainty that these actions have caused. We also respectfully request that your government ensure that Mr. Kozachenko, who is widely respected in Ukraine, the United States and internationally, be treated fairly, and afforded his freedom if no evidence exists of wrongdoing. Mr. Kozachenko has worked tirelessly for many years in building Ukrainian agriculture for the direct benefit of the rural people of Ukraine.

An early resolution of these matters will keep agricultural reform and growth on track and ensure that it remains a vital part of Ukraine's growing private economy.


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