

Unknown Speaker -Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome to the podium Her Excellency Oksana Markarova, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States

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Good morning to you all it's such a pleasure and honor to be here and I'm very happy that Madame President and chair Lewis dear friend invited me to speak here before the very important panel that will be focusing on how to turn crisis into opportunities and let me start by thanking Madame chair and her excellent team for everything you do at EXIM but also for excellent cooperation with Ukraine at this very difficult time just yesterday President Biden spoke to American people about why is it important to support Ukraine and Israel and he said we are in an Reflection Point now where our decisions today will make big impact on how we will leave in the decades to come and this is very true because the war that Russia restarted against Ukraine 64 days ago and the brutal attack of Hamas and other authoritarian regimes in so many other places of this world are putting not only security at risk but actually call for new instruments and new ways for all of us to cooperate between the countries that share the same values and the same principles the post World War II prosperity of this great country of Europe was based on the security architecture which was brutally destroyed by Russia for 64 days we are seeing unimaginable full-fledged war in Ukraine war crime destruction of businesses destruction of residential areas but also our fight we will fight for what we believe in our homes our loved ones our democracy but it's not only about the war we are also fighting for the way we want to live and as we fight we are rebuilding our country as we speak so this horrific crisis is an opportunity already now and while we are rebuilding our infrastructure our Energy System right now to sustain the effort we are also preparing everything for the future reconstruction of Ukraine after we win and we will win together but thankyou. Why is it important to talk about Ukrainian reconstruction and rebuilding now why the administration Congress on a very TR by partisan bases EXIM Bank all the if is that we have here and all the businesses should look and are already looking and making focus on Ukraine it's not just you know a good thing to do for Ukraine it's not just existential for Ukraine to win and rebuild itself but Ukraine can be a solution to so many Global problems you have discussed during this uh wonderful annual conferences so many tasks and challenges how to unlock African potential how to move to clean energy how to make cooperation and how to secure Supply chains well Ukraine with in the which was a top five exporter in agriculture Ukraine which has been exporting electricity to Europe even during the last year of War Ukraine which has a sizable amount of well-educated Engineers and start toppers is a solution to so many of these problems and we have to unlock that potential to together so we fight now we will win but as we are doing that please join us all in the exciting project of lip froggen to the Ukraine 2.0 which is going to be one of the most Innovative fastest growing countries but also a reliable and principle and values

based partner for the US American people American businesses and also uh globally to any civilized world so have a great discussion I look forward to the discussion thank you all for the support we really value this support we really need the continuation of this support right now not only for you to support us but again for us to become to win and become self- sustainable faster and we're sure that Victory is inside so with that I have a great discussion thank you for having me here and let's win and let's uh win together thank you.