

CIRCULAR 015/2022

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To : All GCBx/CBs/GFs/ICs

Dear colleagues,

Crisis Russia - Ukraine

Given the geopolitical problems that have occurred recently, we want to inform you that the Council of Bureaux is following the situation closely.

First of all, we want to inform you that we have been in contact with the Ukrainian Bureau. It goes without saying that the working conditions will be difficult, and we cannot expect the Ukrainian Bureau to be operational as normal. We are confident that you will have all understanding for this situation.

As regards the impact of the geopolitical problems on the daily functioning of the Green Card system, it is too early to make any clear assessment. We will closely follow up the developments and have particular attention for topics such as international sanctions, cooperation with banks, the possibility to continue making and receiving money transfers, financial stability, cross-border traffic of vehicles originating from the war zone, the possible increase of cross-border traffic as a result of refugees leaving Ukrainian territory, ...

It is too early to give detailed information on all these challenges, but we want to inform you that we are discussing these subjects and will inform you as soon as any relevant communication or instructions can be given.

Most of all, we hope that peace will be restored as soon as possible and that people will not have to suffer from the international developments.