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The public is invited to discuss prospects for investment in the Kharkiv Region A U.S.-Ukraine Partnership event sponsored by the Atlantic Council, , Washington, D.C. April 17, 8:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Premier Palace Hotel, Kharkiv, Ukraine

WASHINGTON, D.C.-The U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC), www.USUBC.org, invites you to join the ATLANTIC COUNCIL for a discussion on the Ukrainian economy, energy independence and security, prospects for investment in the Kharkiv region, and the US-Ukraine partnership. The event will be held from 8:30 am until 11:30 am on Tuesday, April 17 at the Premier Palace Hotel in Kharkiv. Since the 2014 Revolution of Dignity, Ukraine has embarked on an ambitious agenda of economic and financial reforms with strong support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other transatlantic partners. While the country faces numerous political and economic challenges, the potential of Ukraine as an investment destination is immense: Ukraine is one of the largest markets in Europe with a great capacity of natural and human resources. While Ukraine has been showing the largest investment potential in recent years, the country still faces structural challenges and more work needs to be done. This discussion will bring together top experts, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss the current investment climate in the Kharkiv region, energy independence and security, the future of US-Ukraine relations, and the most effective means for the security of Ukraine moving forward. The event will be held from 8:30 am until 11:30 am on Tuesday, April 17 at the Premier Palace Hotel in Kharkiv. The participants will include: Yuliya Svitlychna, Governor of the Kharkiv Region John Herbst, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Director of the Atlantic Council&rsquo:s Eurasia Center Roman Popadiuk, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Evelyn Farkas, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia Anders Aslund, Leading Specialist on Economic Policy in Ukraine, Russia, and East Europe Oleg Kyrylyuk, Acting Head of the State Service of Geology and Mineral Resources of Ukraine We hope you can join the ATLANTIC COUNCIL in Kharkiv on Tuesday, April 17, for this timely discussion. For any questions, please contact Shelby Magid, Project Assistant at the Atlantic Council. Tel: +1.202.778.4970, Cell: 1.408.340.8855, Email: SMagid@AtlanticCouncil.org