

# **Ukraine**

**Good morning, everyone.  
We are all here.  
Our soldiers are here.  
Civil society is here.  
We defend our independence.  
And this is how it will always be  
from now on.**

**Volodymyr Zelensky,  
surrounded by government officials  
outside a government building in Kyiv,  
in a video message to the nation  
38 hours after Russia's invasion began  
at 4:30 a.m. on February 24, 2022**