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2 March 2022

Dear Shareholder

## iShares plc (the "Company") iShares MSCI Eastern Europe Capped UCITS ETF (the "Fund") ISIN: IE00B0M63953 Temporary suspension of valuation and primary market dealing in respect of shares of the Fund

In order to protect the interests of investors in the Fund, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company has taken the decision to suspend the valuation of the Fund and the issue, redemption and switching of shares of the Fund, with effect from and including 2 March 2022 until further notice.

Due to the escalating conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, normal market trading conditions have been materially impaired, and a significant portion of the Fund's portfolio is not currently tradeable. As a result, disposal and valuation of a significant portfolio of investments of the Fund have become impracticable. In the view of the Board, it is therefore in the interests of the Fund and shareholders that dealing in the Fund on the primary market be temporarily suspended with effect from 2 March 2022 in accordance with the provisions on temporary suspension of valuation set out in the Fund's prospectus.

While the Fund remains suspended, any primary market dealing requests received will be rejected.

This suspension of primary market dealing does not apply to secondary market dealing, for example, trading on stock exchanges on which the shares of the Fund are admitted to trading.

At this stage, owing to global events, it is not possible to determine for how long the Fund will be suspended, but this decision will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

In the meantime, we continue to work on behalf of investors to manage the Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policy.

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We thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging period.

Further information

Please contact info@ishares.com if you have any queries concerning the temporary suspension of valuation and primary market dealing in respect of shares of the Fund.

Yours faithfully

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Director for and on behalf of iShares plc

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