A Critical Time for Ukraine

According to the Ukrainian Defense Ministry’s latest intelligence assessment, Russia has now deployed more than 127,000 troops in striking distance of Ukraine. During this critical week of diplomacy for Ukraine, U.S. Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) traveled to Ukraine, where they met with Ukraine’s Foreign Minister, the Energy Minister, the Interior Minister and President Zelenskyy.

Also this week, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken traveled to Ukraine, to meet with Foreign Minister Kuleba and President Zelenskyy, where he reaffirmed, “to all of our Ukrainian friends the support that the United States has for Ukraine, and to affirm that now as ever it is up to Ukrainians and no one else to decide their own future and the future of this country”
Unfortunately, Ukrainian activists were hampered in their efforts of promoting international support for Ukraine when, in a lengthy news conference Wednesday, President Biden suggested that if Russia’s “incursion” into Ukraine were “minor,” the reaction by U.S. allies might be less severe.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Americans of Ukrainian descent, has spoken out for over 80 years in support of United States authorities executing their duties, while consistently and rightfully calling upon the United States to enact severe ramifications for violations of international law for the common good.

As UCCA has publicly corrected the record of each former U.S. President, so did UCCA issue an immediate statement that evening, which was sent electronically by the Ukrainian National Information Service (UCCA’s Washington, D.C.-based bureau) to Members of Congress, U.S. diplomats and the White House. In response to the President’s words, UCCA called on the United States to

“take immediate steps in response to the Russian Federation illegally occupying Ukrainian territory, including enacting punishing sanctions, sending major military supplies to Ukraine, and offering a NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP) for Ukraine... and publicly requests a meeting with the White House to formally air our community’s concerns.

“In light of Russia’s amassing of unprecedented forces along the border with Ukraine, we ask President Biden to join our call to #StandWithUkraine.”

The following morning, President Biden issued a formal clarification of this
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the Ukrainian World Congress are calling on Ukrainian communities and friends of Ukraine to join the global campaign #StandWithUkraine #StopPutinNOW and show your support for the Ukrainian peoples’ right to live free and in peace on their own land.

Український Конґресовий Комітет Америки та Світовий Конґрес Українців закликає українські громади та друзів України приєднатися до всесвітньої кампанії #StandWithUkraine #StopPutinNOW щоби продемонструвати Вашу підтримку українського народу, його права жити вільно та в мирі на власній землі.

On January 22, the Day of Unity of Ukraine, join the global Call to Action:

1. Print #StandWithUkraine and #StopPutinNOW signs
2. Take a photo holding the sign
3. On January 22, share your photo on your social media accounts with the following hashtags #:

   - #StandWithUkraine
22 січня, в День Соборності України, запрошуємо приєднуватися до всесвітньої акції:

1. Роздрукуйте банери #StandWithUkraine – #StopPutinNOW
2. Сфотографуйтеся тримаючи одне з цих зображень
3. 22 січня поширте ваше фото на соціальних мережах з гештегами #

UCCA asks supporters of Ukraine to mobilize online with messages of support for Ukraine:
22 Січня - Ланцюг Соборності Українців
#SayYEStoUkraine
#СкажиУкраїні_ТАК
January 22 is Ukraine’s Day of Unity. On this date in 1918, Ukraine’s independent government - the Central Rada - issued its Fourth Universal, declaring the full and unqualified independence of Ukraine. This was followed a year later with the “Act of Union” (Akt Zluky), merging the Ukrainian People’s Republic (UNR) and the Western Ukrainian People’s Republic (ZUNR) into a single sovereign and independent state of the Ukrainian people. Later still, Ukrainians united in human chains on this date in 1990 and again at the start of
Square since the start of the Revolution of Dignity. We ask that supporters of Ukraine join in unity with local actions of support, or else demonstrate your support of Ukraine online, during the weekend of January 22-23.

UCCA will never forget the struggles and sacrifices of our forefathers committed in the name of freedom, recognized through January 22nd community events, memorial actions and numerous local, state and federal proclamations initiated by UCCA since our founding in 1940.

The following annual commemorations will return in person this year:

For those communities unable to gather in commemoration of this date due to the current state of the pandemic in your area, we thank the UCCA-Philadelphia Local Branch for preparing a virtual commemoration during the lockdown last year:
WHAT IS UCCA?
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

ЦЮ ТАКЕ УККА?
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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