36th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHORNOBYL DISASTER

36 years ago, on April 26, 1986, a tragedy of unspeakable magnitude occurred at the Chornobyl nuclear power plant in Northern Ukraine. On this sad anniversary, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of over 1.5 million Ukrainians in America, remembers the thousands of deaths directly linked to this nuclear explosion; honors the hundreds of emergency workers who responded to the catastrophe; advocates for justice for the hundreds of thousands who were uprooted from their homes.
In a deliberate act of what can only be seen as negligence and disregard for the safety of millions, Soviet authorities remained silent following an explosion at the plant that blew the concrete roof off Reactor #4 spewing huge amounts of toxic radioactive particles into the atmosphere. Soviet authorities did not initiate evacuations from the immediate area surrounding Chornobyl until 36 hours following the explosion. UCCA will continue to condemn all acts of negligence towards mankind such as occurred at Chornobyl in 1986. In this way, we hope to ensure that the victims of this tragedy are never forgotten and that such callous acts of inhumanity are never repeated again.

Unfortunately, Russia's illegal and unjustified aggression in Ukraine again jeopardises global safety from nuclear disaster. Russia has targeted and occupied Ukrainian nuclear sites, recklessly damaging the facilities, along with the related war crime of shelling critical civilian infrastructure objects. This jeopardy mounted when a Russian projectile sparked a fire early March 4 at Europe’s largest nuclear plant - the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station at Enerhodar - triggering alarm across the world. The unlawful occupation and the interruption of normal operations at nuclear facilities, including the prevention of personnel rotation, undermine the safe and secure operation of nuclear power plants in Ukraine and significantly raise the risk of an accident.

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN's atomic oversight body, visited Chornobyl earlier today to mark the 36th anniversary. IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi told reporters during the visit that, “the situation was absolutely abnormal and very, very dangerous,” and took the opportunity to condemn the Russian forces' occupation of the site of the 1986 Chornobyl nuclear disaster for several weeks last month, calling it "very, very dangerous."

Today, as we mark this solemn anniversary, UCCA reaffirms its resolve to do our part in ensuring that the ongoing needs of the victims of the 1986 Soviet tragedy in Ukraine are not forgotten, while at the same time calling on the international community and all relevant actors to immediately start a global discussion on how to improve existing international instruments to protect nuclear sites in the context of war.
UCCA’s #SupportUkraine Fund

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America would like to thank all our individual donors and corporate sponsors for their generous support!

Thanks to your continued donations - over 2 million US dollars submitted via UCCA's MightyCause platform, direct bank deposits, donations and charity events - our Ukrainian American community's vital humanitarian aid efforts continue.
Please know that every penny donated to this Fundraiser will go directly to our humanitarian aid effort - NO money is being diverted at the top or dedicated for administrative overhead.

UCCA is authorized to ship protective body armor

Contact us about this program
There are an estimated 75,000 Ukrainian nationals currently living in the United States. In light of Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, it is too dangerous for these Ukrainian nationals to return to the country if and when their U.S. immigration status lapses. To help them, the Biden Administration has designated Ukraine for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), a form of immigration relief that provides the right to live and work in the United States for a temporary period.

On April 19, 2022, the registration process to obtain an 18-month designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukrainian nationals in the United States began.

To be eligible, individuals must demonstrate their continuous residence in the United States since April 11, 2022, and continuous physical presence in the United States since the designation date in the Federal Register notice on April 19, 2022.

If you are a Ukrainian national in the United States who would like help completing an application for Temporary Protected Status, we encourage you to reach out to the Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG) Pro Bono Project which has been set up to provide legal assistance.
The U.S. government has now announced #UnitingforUkraine, an entry program for people fleeing Ukraine who are seeking refuge in the United States.

Visit Ukraine.Welcome.US to learn more, and make sure to sign up to get relevant updates as this information is further updated.

Prior to Congress leaving Washington for its two-week spring recess, the Senate passed the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022, which would allow the United States to lease military equipment to Ukraine to defend itself. The House of Representatives is expected to review and vote upon the Senate measure this week.

UCCA urges you to contact your Representative to support the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022. Your immediate action is requested and would greatly impact Ukraine’s capacity to defeat the enemy and return its territorial integrity.
Join the New York Mets and the Ukrainian American Community in supporting Ukraine on Friday, April 29.

Before the 7:00pm game at Citi Field against the Philadelphia Phillies, there will be a pre-game performance of the Ukrainian national anthem.

A portion of each ticket sold through this link will go to the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and our efforts to help provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine: https://bit.ly/METSUkraine

Order at this link

The June 9-10th in-person #SupportUkraine! “Ukraine Washington Days” advocacy event will be used as an opportunity to meet in-person once again with Members of Congress.
assistance for Ukraine, continued strong sanctions against Ukraine’s enemies, and support for humanitarian programs to aid Ukrainians afflicted by the war.
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