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## **UCCA Condemns War Crimes at the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant and Dam across the Dnipro River**

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly two million Americans of Ukrainian descent, strongly condemns the terrorist assault on the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP) and Dam across the Dnipro River, which has resulted in a major man-made humanitarian and environmental disaster across southern Ukraine. While the number of confirmed casualties have just begun to accumulate, nearly 70,000 people remain at risk downstream of the Kakhovka reservoir,

with only a few thousand safely evacuated in the first 24 hours. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of people have been left without access to safe drinking water following the contamination of wells, rivers, and lakes in the flooded area. The catastrophic effect on locating landmines placed along the demarcation of occupied territory in Ukraine will also extend the danger in the area for generations.

After the atrocities reported in Ukrainian towns such as Bucha – murder, torture, looting, and rape –and the inhuman sieges repeated against cities, towns and villages throughout Ukraine, this heinous war crime is a continuation of the aggressor state’s “scorched earth” policy: a deliberate and systematic attempt to eliminate the Ukrainian nation from existence. No more starkly can this be evidenced than by the occupiers simply abandoning people without rescue, without water, left on the rooftops in flooded communities under enemy occupation. Following the arrival of emergency crews and volunteers from Ukraine to dispense aid and retrieve stranded residents, repeated russian shelling of evacuation points temporarily suspended efforts, wounding eight people.

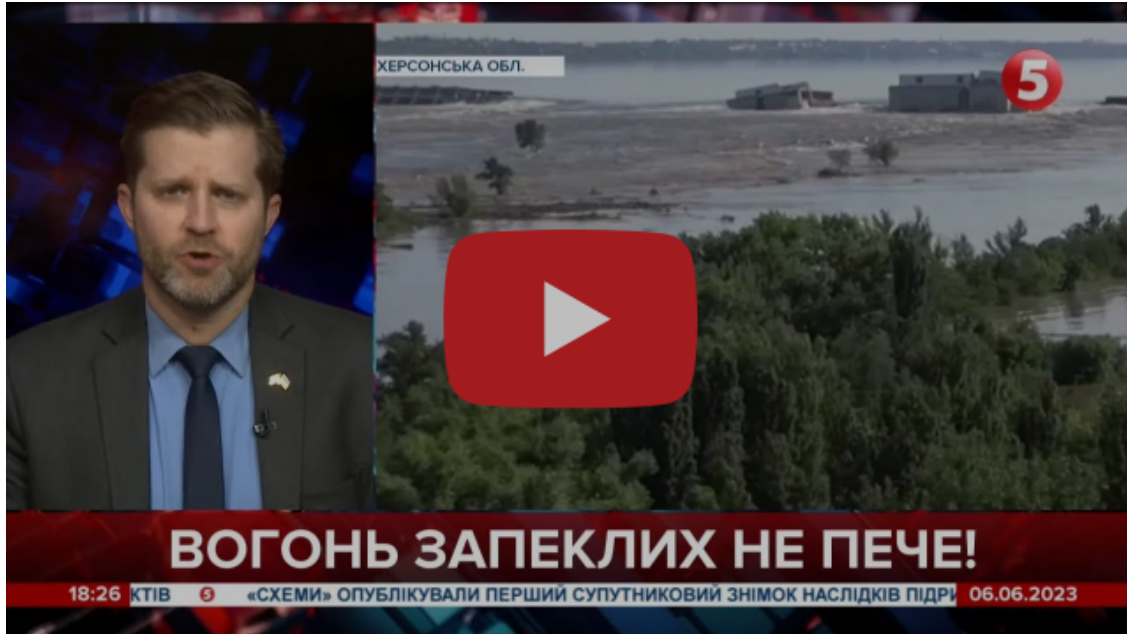
These actions by the aggressor state – russia – are now plainly revealed as that of a 21st century genocide. The aggressor state must be stopped and held accountable for their actions, including the eventual prosecution of each and every military officer involved in breaching this dam and other related war crimes. Following these events, UCCA calls upon the United States to:

- Designate Russia a State Sponsor of Terrorism;
- Expedite the arms requested by Ukraine’s Armed Forces to hasten the retreat and/or destruction of all occupying forces from all of Ukraine’s territory, including Crimea;
- Support Ukraine’s ascension into NATO at the 2023 summit in Vilnius;
- Escalate punitive measures against the russian federation to at least the level of those against North Korea, Cuba and Iran;
- Call for an immediate suspension of the USSR’s seat, currently illegally occupied by russia, on the UN Security Council.

UCCA also joins with the growing chorus of voices calling for the suspension of russia’s rights and privileges of membership in the United Nations in view of its flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and other international obligations in accordance with Article 18.2 of the Charter.

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Following such a suspension, UCCA supports the creation of an international Tribunal to indict putin and russian leaders, to issue warrants for their detention, and pronounce legal sentences. UCCA again calls on the United States and our allies to formally recognize russian actions in Ukraine as a Genocide.

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## UCCA collaborates on Movie Premiere

In partnership with the Consulate General of Ukraine in New York and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Humanity for Freedom brought its three-day, five-continent global launch campaign “72 Hours for Freedom,” to New York City on June 7, featuring an exclusive invite-only screening of co-directors Sean Penn and Aaron Kaufman’s new documentary **Superpower**.

A profile of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his wartime leadership, **Superpower** was made over the past year while Penn and Kaufman made six trips to the country. As a work in progress, the documentary was the Berlinale Special Gala film at the 2023 Berlin International Film Festival where it received a moving standing ovation and strong reviews.

A packed house in New York City was on hand as **Superpower** co-director Aaron Kaufman discussed the movie with Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Executive Director Tamara Olexy & Consul General of Ukraine in New York Oleksii Holubov.

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*as of May 31, 2023*



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The University Club Washington, D.C.

On Tuesday, June 14, the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Ukrainian National Information Service, in collaboration with the Jamestown Foundation, the International Republican Institute, and the National Democratic Institute, will convene the eleventh US-

UA Working Group Summit: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card Amidst War. This all day conference will take place at The University Club in Washington, D.C., and will bring together government and key non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU and the US to take measure of Ukraine's 2022-2023 progress/regress in six categories. At the conclusion, a final grade will be assessed based on the contributions of over two dozen speakers.

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