

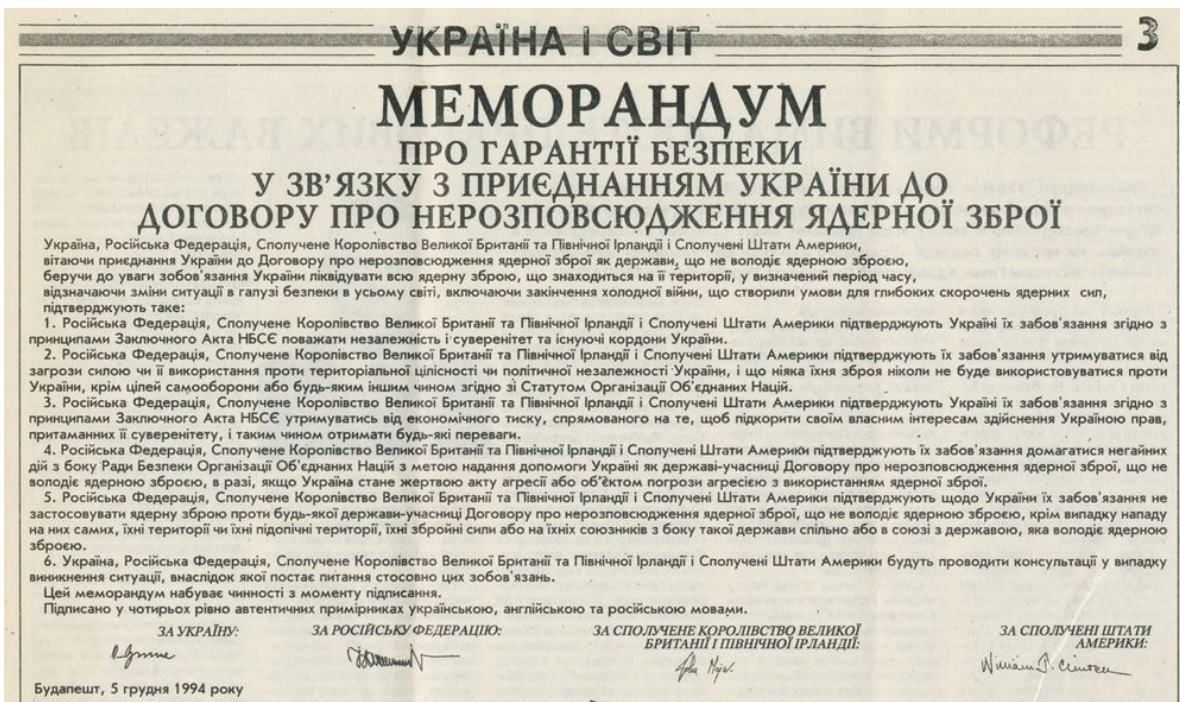
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Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки
UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA



30 Years On - The Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances



When the Soviet Union ceased to exist, Ukraine controlled the third largest nuclear arsenal in the world, with more nuclear weapons than China, France, and the United Kingdom combined. With the encouragement of the United States, the people of Ukraine voluntarily rid the world of its stockpile of nuclear warheads, and in the process, ensured that those weapons would not end up in the hands of a rogue nation state or a radicalized terror cell.

Considered by some to be the greatest gift to world peace by any nation in history, this act of disarmament was done with the understanding that the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine would be assured by those nations who signed the [Budapest Memorandum](#).

On 5 December 1994, Ukraine formally joined the [Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons](#). On that day, the Memorandum on Security Guarantees in Connection with Ukraine's Accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, known as the [Budapest Memorandum](#), was co-signed by the President of Ukraine (Leonid Kravchuk) the President of the Russian Federation (Boris Yeltsin) the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (John Major) and the President of the United States (Bill Clinton). The document formalized international security guarantees from the side of the signatories in connection with Ukraine's status as a nuclear-free state.

Since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2014, which escalated into a full-scale invasion in 2022, Ukraine has faced daily existential threats that have called into question the United States' international guarantees. This military invasion, and the subsequent armed occupation of Ukrainian sovereign territory, violate additional international agreements, including: the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Final Act (often referred to as the [Helsinki Final Act](#)); the [Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe](#) (CFE); the [United Nations Charter](#) (specifically [United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3314](#) on the use of "aggression" between member states); and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

As stated by Ukraine's [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#):

The failure of the Budapest Memorandum to fulfil its functions has led to a catastrophic increase in security threats not only for Ukraine, but also for other countries and regions, including Europe, the Euro-Atlantic area, Central and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and international peace and security in general.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), representing the 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent since 1940, maintains that the national security interests of the United States include the fulfillment of our country's public and binding security guarantees to Ukraine. We join with the

people of Ukraine in calling on the signatories to the Budapest Memorandum, and all parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to #StandWithUkraine and assist the government of Ukraine in restoring its sovereignty and territorial integrity in order to deter Russia from further destabilizing and invading Ukraine and other independent countries.



5 December - International Volunteer Day

Please join us in celebrating Ukraine's army of volunteer supporters on [International Volunteer Day](#). The challenges we face today — war, genocide, and social injustices — can often feel overwhelming. But as with the enlisted men and women of a volunteer army, it is the charitable corps of volunteers for Ukraine around the world who fund, purchase, pack and deliver aid and serve as the backbone of Ukraine's indomitable spirit.

Please join with UCCA in thanking the innumerable volunteers that make our endeavors possible.

6 December - Ukrainian Armed Forces Day

UCCA also joins with Ukrainians around the world in honoring Ukraine's heroes on [Ukrainian Armed Forces Day](#) on 6 December. Please join us in saluting all the men and women defending Ukraine for their bravery, dedication, and patriotism in service to the country we hold so dear.

6 грудня, Україна відзначає День Збройних сил — важливий день для всієї держави і свято для усієї країни. Тисячі українських воїнів віддали

свої життя, аби зупинити ворога. Це кращі сини та доньки України, подвиг яких завжди пам'ятатиме наш народ і весь світ!

Слава Збройним Силам України! Героям слава!



Варвари, Сави та Миколи



Saints Barbara, Sabbas and Nicholas (*Mykolai*) fall consecutively on 4, 5, 6 December, and are collectively referred to as “Mykolai holidays.” (A reminder to greet your friends and relatives on their feast days!)

Услід за Катериною, Андрієм і Наумом приходять Варвари, Сави та Миколи. Усі три свята — 4, 5 і 6 грудня — називаєм Миколаєвими святами. Отож не забудьте привітати своїх рідних та близьких з цими святами!

Saint Barbara (4 December) is venerated as the patron saint of artillerymen, armorers, military engineers, gunsmiths, and anyone else who worked with cannon and explosives. The United States Army Field Artillery Association and the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Association maintain the Order of

Saint Barbara as an honorary military society of the United States Army Field Artillery and the United States Army Air Defense Artillery.

Свята Варвара вважається патроном артилеристів, саперів, військових інженерів, ракетників, ковалів, металургів, гірників, рудокопачів, а також усіх робітників, що працюють з вогнем, вибухівкою або гарматами. Глибоко шанував святу Варвару гетьман Іван Мазепа, пожертвувавши для мощів срібну раку з помостом, обкладеним позолоченими срібними дошками.

Saint Sabbas the Sanctified (5 December) was born the son of a military commander who left a privileged life at an early age, and devoted his life to monasticism. (In folklore, he is contrasted with St. Nicholas, "Sabbas is without, while Nicholas is bountiful.") He is credited with composing the first monastic rule of church services - the Jerusalem Typikon.

Святий Сава Освячений з родом кападокієць, батько - воєнначальник. З восьми років жив у монастирі і присвятив своє життя духовній посвяті. (Як то кажуть: «Савка бідний, Микола багатий».) Преподобний Сава склав перше правило чернечого «Богослужбового статуту» (Єрусалимський Типикон).

Sviatyi Mykolai (Nicholas) traditionally visited children in Ukraine on 19 December. Following a historic change by both the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine to the western liturgical calendar, Ukraine's children are today visited by St. Nicholas 13 days earlier, on 6 December.

Після переходу ПЦУ та УГКЦ на західний календар, дати багатьох церковних свят змінилися. Тепер в Україні святкуватимуть День святого Миколая 6 грудня (замість 19 грудня, як було раніше). Саме від цього дня розпочинається цикл зимових свят в Україні.

UCCA wishes all the children of Ukraine a safe and warm St. Nicholas' morning!

*Святий отче, Миколай!
Мою хату не минай!
Подаруй мені потіху*

*І торбину, повну сміху,
І здоров'я для родини,
Красну долю для України!*

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The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is referred to as **Giving Tuesday**, when donations to charity are encouraged as a part of the holiday season.

As a nonprofit organization, UCCA relies heavily on our donors for support, and we hope you will donate as generously as you can this #GivingTuesday, 3 December 2024.

If you believe, as we do, that a democratic Ukraine, whole and free, is in the national security interests of the United States, that the United States should live up to its public and binding security guarantees to Ukraine, then please support our educational, humanitarian and advocacy initiatives that spotlight Ukrainian heritage in America.

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Holodomor Then, Genocide Now, Justice... When?



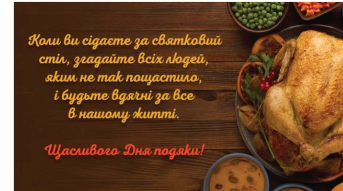
On 23 November 2024, Ukrainian Americans **once again gathered** inside historic St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for an ecumenical requiem service in memory of the innocent victims of the Holodomor, Stalin's Famine-Genocide of Ukrainians in 1932-33.

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Вдячність



On behalf of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, we wish you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Від імені Українського Конгресового Комітету Америки, бажаємо вам радісного і благословеного Дня Подяки – заповненого даром віри і благословенної надії! Ми щиро дякуємо за Вашу підтримку та доброзичливість цього року!

During this holiday season, let us also give thanks to the bravery of Ukraine's Heroes and Heroines who are defending Ukraine's sovereignty

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Are you receiving UNIS' Action Alerts?

#GivingTuesday2024 - Support UNIS!

Ukrainian National Information Service, info@unis.org.ua Tue, Dec 3, 2024 #10:03 AM



Dear Friends of Ukraine,

On this #GivingTuesday, please include the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) with your generous donation to support our cause and mission. You, the community, volunteer your time and effort throughout the year to enrich our heritage. For nearly 50 years since its formation in 1977, UNIS has been dedicated to advocating the community's concerns and being your voice in the nation's capital.

UNIS functions include the following:

- * Sponsoring "Ukraine Days" advocacy events in Washington, DC to meet with elected officials to support Ukraine during the war against Russian aggression;
- * Enhancing the community's advocacy through its #SupportUkraine outreach with elected officials;

- * Tracking legislation that affects Ukraine and our community;
- 1) designating Russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism;
- 2) successful passage of \$675 security assistance to Ukraine in April 2024;
- 3) providing support for Russian war crimes investigations in Ukraine;
- 4) designating the current war in Ukraine as genocide;
- 5) promoting increased sanctions against Russia.

Thanksgiving 2024 - Thank You for Your Support of UNIS!

Ukrainian National Information Service, info@unis.org.ua Thu, Nov 28, 2024 # 7:30 AM



Dear Friends,

On this Thanksgiving holiday, during these challenging times in Ukraine, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) wishes to express its sincerest gratitude to you for your continued support of our advocacy programs in Washington, DC.

Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy, and happy Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday,

*Michael Sawkh, Jr.
Director*

Thanksgiving 2024

TONIGHT - POST-ELECTION WEBINAR on U.S.-Ukraine Relations

Ukrainian National Information Service, info@unis.org.ua Wed, Nov 13, 2024 # 6:00 AM



Dear Friends of Ukraine,

TONIGHT: A POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS WEBINAR – Wednesday, November 13, 2024

After last week's election of Donald Trump as the next President of the United States, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) will sponsor a post-election webinar analyzing the future of U.S.-Ukraine relations. Presidential Trump has nominated a number of cabinet security officials to his upcoming administration. The post-election webinar will provide insight into the officials being named for various positions and provide an overview of the current war of Russian aggression against Ukraine.

Please join this evening as Blogger Diana Francis and former Under Secretary of the State Jerry Mullin share their thoughts and opinions.

The link for this evening's webinar is below:
<https://us2024.zoom.us/j/802042042042>

Be sure to be in attendance for this evening's webinar.

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[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.

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