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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has killed thousands of innocent civilians, injured thousands more, and has caused a humanitarian crisis the likes of which have not been seen in Europe since World War II. The world has watched in horror as the Kremlin continues to launch daily missile attacks on Ukrainian civilian targets. These Kremlin war tactics can be clearly classified as terrorist acts.

Last week, President Biden answered a journalist's query by incriminating Putin as a war criminal. The United States government designates countries and international organizations as sponsors of terrorism. With the indiscriminate bombings that have resulted in the loss of untold numbers of innocent men, women, and children in Ukraine, it is apparent Russia's actions can be classified as a 'state sponsor of terror'.

The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, DC public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), urges you to contact the U.S. Department of State to advocate for the designation of Russia as a 'state sponsor of terror'. In similar manner, the co-chairs of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus have also written a letter requesting Russia be designated as a state sponsor of terror. Currently, there are four countries listed as state sponsors of terror: Cuba, Syria, Iran, and North Korea. Your immediate action is requested and would impart greater sanctions and other measures against Russia for its terrorist actions in Ukraine. For your information, attached please find a copy of the Caucus letter to Secretary Blinken.

Furthermore, below please find "Quick Guide" infographics and a sample text you may use to contact the State Department.



To contact the U.S. Department of State, please visit their website at:

- <https://register.state.gov/contactus/contactusform>

Dear Secretary Blinken:

For the past four weeks, Russia's unprovoked war against Ukraine has caused immeasurable suffering and loss of thousands of civilian lives. The Kremlin's indiscriminate bombing throughout Ukraine of medical facilities, residential dwellings, and areas designated as shelters cannot be described in any other way than as terrorist acts.

Daily images from the city of Mariupol, Ukraine remind me of the devastated and obliterated city of Aleppo, Syria. In both those instances, the Russian State is responsible for acts of barbarism and the deaths of thousands of innocent individuals. The Russian government's use of violence and intimidation against innocents in Ukraine to achieve its political purposes can only be defined as international terrorism!

As an informed and concerned American citizen, I appeal to you to designate Russia as a State Sponsor of Terror and stop the war in Ukraine. Russia must be recognized as a sponsor of terror and suffer the consequences of its actions.

Sincerely,

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at: unis.sawkiw@gmail.com.

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