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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

Today has been a robust day of activity on Ukraine-related issues in Washington, DC. As you are undoubtedly aware, President Biden issued a range of sanctions against Russia. Several segments of the sanction package include actions the UCCA and UNIS have advocated in the past – increased Crimea sanctions and preventing U.S. banks from dealing with Russian sovereign debt. Details of the official White House announcement of the sanctions are provided in the link below:

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/15/fact-sheet-imposing-costs-for-harmful-foreign-activities-by-the-russian-government/>
- Treasury Department official announcement: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0127>

For your information, links to additional statements from NATO and congressional offices are also provided below:

- NATO: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_183168.htm
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman: <https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/chair/release/chairman-menendez-statement-on-biden-administrations-sanctions-package-on-russia>
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Member: <https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/risch-administration-is-foot-dragging-on-russia-sanctions>
- House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman: <https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/2021/4/meeks-and-keating-issue-statement-on-biden-administration-s-new-russia-sanctions>
- House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member: <https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/press-release/mccaul-statement-on-biden-administrations-new-sanctions-against-russia/>



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In addition to sanctions, Congress has also reacted to the build-up of Russian troops on Ukraine's border. The Senate Ukraine Caucus penned a letter to President Biden requesting the Administration provide "critical material assistance to Ukraine in the short term," as well as to provide robust defensive military and economic assistance for Ukraine in the President's budget request. Attached is the Senate Ukraine Caucus letter.

Meanwhile, the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus also issued its statement on Russia's military build-up. Members of Congress have also weighed in with their statements and tweets on the critical issue. Below and attached are a few of the statements.

- Congressional Ukrainian Caucus: <https://kaptur.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/ukraine-caucus-reaffirms-support-ukraine-face-increased-russian>
- Rep. Bill Pascrell: <https://pascrell.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4686>

The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) urges the Ukrainian community to send notes to their elected officials that have signed onto letters or issued statements in support of Ukraine. Please contact UNIS should you need further information on how to contact your congressional officials.

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

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