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Dear Sirs:

Re: Statement by Russian President concerning Ukraine's Integreation with the European Union

On May 18, 2011, the mass media reported that Russian President Dmitry Medvedev stated that Ukraine must choose whether it wants close ties with Russia, or whether it wants to become a member of the European Union (EU).

The Ukrainian World Congress condemns Russia's clear attempt to impede the integration of Ukraine with the EU.

In light of the above, the Ukrainian World Congress calls upon you to:

- 1) make an official objection to the Russian President Dmitry Medvedev for this divisive statement;
- 2) reaffirm the EU's commitment to working with Ukraine toward EU membership; and
- 3) actively disseminate information to the Ukrainian people at the grassroots level on the benefits of joining the EU, since this message is not reaching them effectively.

The Ukrainian World Congress is an international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the diaspora representing the interests of over twenty (20) million Ukrainians, with member organizations in over thirty (30) countries. Founded in 1967, the Ukrainian World Congress was incorporated in 2000 in Canada and recognized in 2003 as a non-governmental organization by the United Nations Economic and Social Council with special consultative status.

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