

1 May 2013

His Excellency Viktor Yanukovich
President of Ukraine
Kyiv, Ukraine

Dear Mr. President:

**Re: Appeal for the immediate release of former Prime Minister of Ukraine,
opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko**

On behalf of the Ukrainian World Congress, I call upon you once again to end selective justice in Ukraine and immediately release opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko on the additional grounds of the 30 April 2013 judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of *Tymoshenko v. Ukraine*.

In this judgment the Court decided unanimously that the entire pre-trial detention of the former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko was arbitrary and unlawful.

The Ukrainian World Congress is convinced that the release of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko would be an important step toward signing the *EU-Ukraine Association Agreement* during the Third Summit of the Eastern Partnership in Vilnius on 28-29 November 2013.

Sincerely,

UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS

Eugene Czolij

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President

c.c. His Excellency Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General of the United Nations
His Excellency Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
His Excellency Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council
His Excellency José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission
His Excellency Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
His Excellency Jerzy Buzek, Former President of the European Parliament
Her Excellency Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission
His Excellency Gilbert Saboya Sunyé, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
His Excellency Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

His Excellency Jacek Protasiewicz, Vice President of the European Parliament
 Her Excellency Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
 His Excellency Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy
 His Excellency Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 Elmar Brok, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
 Her Excellency Barbara Lochbihler, Chair of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights
 His Excellency Pawel Kowal, Chair of the European Parliament Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
 His Excellency Janez Lenarcic, OSCE Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
 Mr. Salil Shetty, Amnesty International Secretary General
 Mr. Benjamin Ward, Acting Deputy Director of the Human Rights Watch Europe and Central Asia Division
 Mr. David J. Kramer, Freedom House Executive Director
 Ukrainian World Congress Member Organizations

The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is the international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the diaspora representing the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians. The UWC has member organizations in 33 countries and ties with Ukrainians in 14 additional countries. Founded in 1967 as a non-profit corporation, the UWC was recognized in 2003 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with special consultative status.