

14 January 2015

**Her Excellency Anne Brasseur
President of the Parliamentary Assembly
of the Council of Europe**

Assemblée nationale
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Dear Madam President:

Re: Urgent request for PACE intervention in the matter of Nadiya Savchenko

The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is appealing for your intervention in the matter of Nadiya Savchenko, the former Ukrainian Air Force pilot, Member of Ukrainian Parliament and delegate to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), who remains imprisoned in the Russian Federation for political considerations.

The prosecution by Russian authorities of Nadiya Savchenko, kidnapped in Ukraine and forcibly transported across the border into the Russian Federation, is in clear violation of international law and clause 5 of the *Minsk Protocol* of 5 September 2014.

In addition to the limited access to legal representation and court proceedings, Nadiya Savchenko was subjected to a forensic psychiatric evaluation against her will.

The UWC is particularly troubled by the latest report that Nadiya Savchenko, on a hunger strike since 13 December 2014, has been transferred to solitary confinement.

The kidnapping, imprisonment, involuntary psychiatric evaluation and solitary confinement of Ukrainian Member of Parliament Nadiya Savchenko are all reprehensible acts that call for immediate and unequivocal action by the international community.

We urge you to publicly support Nadiya Savchenko and for PACE to avail itself of all necessary measures to secure the immediate release of Nadiya Savchenko and all prisoners illegally detained by the Russian Federation.

Sincerely,

UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugene Czolij'.

Eugene Czolij
President

The 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 34 countries and ties with Ukrainians in 14 additional countries. Founded in 1967, the UWC was recognized in 2003 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with special consultative status.