

10 August 2018

His Excellency Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki
Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

Chancellery of the Prime Minister

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Re: Events following the dedication of the Sahryń memorial monument

On 8 July 2018, the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko attended the dedication of a memorial monument in a cemetery in the village of Sahryń, Lublin Voivodeship, Poland, to honour the memory of over 600 residents of that village and surrounding areas, including 231 women and 151 children, who perished on 10 March 1944 at the hands of the *Bataliony Chłopskie* and some units of the *Armia Krajowa*. This solemn commemoration, organized by the Embassy of Ukraine in Poland, was also attended by Ministers and Members of the Parliament of Ukraine, as well as family members of the victims, and the Ukrainian community in Poland.

In the days that followed, Lublin Voivode Przemysław Czarnek publicly mocked this event and its participants, calling it “*chutzpah*”, “*scandal*” and “*provocation*”. He also filed a complaint with the local prosecutor and disparaged Dr. Grzegorz Kuprianowicz, a historian, civil activist, Co-Chair of the Joint Commission of Government and National and Ethnic Minorities in Poland and President of the Ukrainian Association, who delivered a speech on that occasion.

The Ukrainian World Congress respectfully calls upon you to intervene in this matter and publicly denounce this inflammatory behavior by a Polish government official that seriously undermines Polish-Ukrainian relations in these troubled times when Ukraine is on the front line of a vicious hybrid aggression by the Russian Federation endangering the entire region.

Sincerely,

UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS



Eugene Czolij
President

cc: His Excellency Andrii Deshchytsia, Ambassador of Ukraine in the Republic of Poland
Mr. Petro Tyma, President of the Association of Ukrainians in Poland
Dr. Grzegorz Kuprianowicz, Co-Chair of the Joint Commission of Government and National and Ethnic Minorities in Poland and President of Ukrainian Association.

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