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Dear friends and supporters of Ukraine

As President of the Ukrainian World Congress, which represents the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians living in more than 60 countries around the world, I would first like to say THANK YOU. You have made significant contributions in helping Ukraine become a truly democratic state, defending its citizens against Russia's military aggression and helping the Ukrainian people break with their Soviet past.

The UWC and our member organizations around the world have been responsible for \$10's of millions of assistance - experts, political support to reformers, developing a national identity, encouraging international support, serving as a bridge for all countries; and enhancing Ukraine's image globally such as partnering in Ukraine House in Davos and Toronto.

We are a global NGO committed to building a prosperous and sovereign Ukraine that respects the dignity of its people. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

Dear friends - We need you to stay the course! Ukraine is almost there. The people of Ukraine are counting on all of us to ensure the elites do not once again (as they did in 2013 & 2014) steal their dignity, their sovereignty and their economic prosperity. We can not allow for another political or economic backsliding. That is why it is critical that we assist the new President and the new Parliament and Government to stay on course.

Whether they ask for it or not, the President and Government of Ukraine will need our guidance, tough love, and support - especially as they faceoff against their northern neighbour whose goal is to ensure Ukraine is a failed state and once again comes back into Russia's control. Russia's efforts to undermine Ukraine must be stopped. Any weakening of international resolve like the recent reintegration of Russia into PACE will only be viewed as weakness and further exploited.

Dear friends - you are among the most influential power brokers in Ukraine. Ukraine is on the cusp. Bright young European minds will be driving the country into the future. We have a great opportunity to ensure that Ukraine becomes a high-income, democratic member of the European Union, NATO and the broader TransAtlantic Community.

I fully expect that we will be gathering within the decade to celebrate Ukraine's success and talk about how together we helped make it possible.

Thank you and Slava Ukraini!

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