

CALL TO ACTION FOR UWC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Sample letter

Dear _____

Seven years ago, the Russian Federation launched direct military aggression against Ukraine, temporarily occupying the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol. In doing so, the Russian Federation breached international laws and various treaties to which it was a signatory.

The international community maintained an unequivocal position not to recognise the Russian Federation's illegal annexation of Crimea. This position has been reaffirmed on numerous occasions, adding tangible sanctions to the usual political and diplomatic measures.

We, _____ (organization) welcome the ____ (your country) unwavering stand against the Russian Federation's challenge to international security agreements and strongly condemn this blatant violation of international laws. Russian aggression and occupation of Crimea is a threat not only to Ukraine's security, but to the global system of law and order.

On the 7th anniversary of Russia's illegal temporary occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, _____ (organization) calls on you to sponsor a Resolution of _____ (Parliament) noting the following:

- Express unwavering support for Ukraine's territorial integrity, political independence, unity and sovereignty within its internationally recognised borders;
- Condemn Russia's occupation of Crimea, the militarisation of Crimea, as well as the Black and Azov seas, and the deployment of potential carriers of nuclear weapons, including warships, short-range missile systems and combat aircraft by the Russian Federation.
- Demand that Russia cease its violations of the fundamental principles of international law, fully implement the UN General Assembly resolutions on the situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, and comply with the conditions of the international community regarding deoccupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol;
- Urge Russia to grant international human rights monitoring missions and human rights NGOs proper and unimpeded access to Crimea, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 71/205, 72/190, 73/263 and 74/168;
- Support strengthening of sanctions imposed on Russia for the illegal occupation of Crimea and military aggression in Donbas.

We urge you to maintain to a clear and unequivocal position that Crimea is Ukraine.

Regards,
