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Via email: <a href="mailto:christian.bruch@siemens-energy.com">christian.bruch@siemens-energy.com</a>

Dear Dr. Bruch:

## RE: Call to boycott Russia's war machine

The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is grateful to Siemens Energy AG for suspending all business activities in Russia over its unprovoked war against Ukraine. We are deeply disappointed with the continued support by Siemens Energy AG of the Russian government, Gazprom and other state agencies.

We call upon Siemens Energy AG to help end the war against Ukraine and **stop selling products and services to Russia.** These are critical measures to isolate Russia and build financial pressure on them to end their terrible war in Ukraine.

Peace-loving people all over are world are paying close attention to the fate of a turbine that is currently sitting in the Siemens Energy AG premises in Montreal, Canada. We are extremely disappointed in the Government of Canada's announcement that it will grant a time-limited and revocable permit for Siemens Energy Canada to allow the return of repaired Nordstream 1 turbines.

The Kremlin is continuing to blackmail Germany and other western allies by cutting, curtailing, or threatening the flow of gas in a brazen attempt to sow discord among Ukraine's allies and destabilize the Western alliance currently helping to defend Ukraine. Unfortunately, Germany has not pursued other viable options, including using the Ukrainian pipeline which can satisfy Germany's requirements.

We call on Siemens Energy AG to stand firm, lead by example, and support the sanctions regime to help end the war which will continue to cost tens of thousands of lives and millions of displaced people.

The sanctions have come at a great cost to Ukraine's friends and allies. The peoples of Europe and North American are hurting and worry if they can afford to fill up the car, feed their families, or heat their homes this winter. We thank them for their sacrifice.

The Ukrainian people, however, are currently dying and being tortured by Russia's brutal invasion and occupation. Thirteen million Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homes since the Russian invasion. Almost five million Ukrainian jobs have been lost during the war – 30% of our overall workforce. More than six million people in Ukraine each day struggle to access drinking water, one of the most essential human needs.

Ukraine and its people stand on the frontline of a conflict that will shape the 21st century. Russia will not stop if its armed forces succeed in Ukraine. Every time Russia is met with weakness, they are emboldened to advance and escalate again. We can either defeat Russia now or continue to face an ongoing war in Europe and Russian extortion – at far greater cost to the global economy and democracies worldwide.

We call upon Siemens Energy AG not to return the turbine currently in Canada to Gazprom and to immediately discontinue the sale of all products and services to Gazprom and other entities that enable the murderous Putin regime. We cannot allow Russia to continue inflicting war and terrorizing Europe.

UWC would like to request a meeting between you and its President, Paul Grod, to discuss this important matter further. To coordinate such a meeting, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Paul Grod

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