



April 28, 2023

Mr. Charles Michel,
President of the European Council

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen,
President European Commission

Ms. Roberta Metsola,
President of the European Parliament

Dear President of the European Council, President of the European Commission and
President of the European Parliament:

**Re: UWC calls upon EU institutions and member states to fight back Russian
propaganda and distortion of historical facts in light of May 9th approaching**

The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC), an international organization that represents the interests of more than 20 million Ukrainians living in more than 65 countries, including all the European Union member states, would like to thank you and the EU for your solid and unwavering support of Ukraine and its people in the face of Russia's brutal and genocidal military aggression.

Russia continues to wage disinformation warfare in Europe and around the world. As we approach traditional memorial days celebrated across the EU in early May, notably Victory in Europe Day and Europe Day we kindly ask that you broadly condemn Russia's attempt to distort European history. By distorting historical facts, Russia and its criminal leadership are using our shared memory of the victory over Nazism to promote militarism, whitewash the horrific crimes of Soviet-Communism and justify their modern genocidal war of aggression against Ukraine and hybrid war against European countries. Russian state-financed and coordinated campaigns like "Bezsmertnyi Polk" ("Immortal Regiment") have become one of the primary instruments of such hybrid aggression.

Last year, the "Bezsmertnyi Polk" campaign in Europe was held under the Russian "Z" symbol and became a purely political manifestation. By its essence, this was a purposeful information and psychological operation to promote extremism and violence in the war of extermination that Russia is waging against Ukraine.

Considering the threats and challenges on the European agenda coming from the Russian policy of propaganda and disinformation, we call on you to fight back Russian distortion of historical facts, and to stop the Russian “Bezsmertnyi Polk” campaign in the EU member states. Furthermore, to ensure the perpetrators of this genocidal war in Ukraine are brought to justice, we call upon you to establish an International War Crime Tribunal.

Sincerely,
UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Grod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and the last name "Grod" clearly legible.

Paul Grod, President