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Statement of the Ukrainian Diaspora on the Presidential Elections in Ukraine

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The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC), irrespective of the final results as currently reported by the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Ukraine, does not believe the results of the November 21st election to accurately reflect the real political will of the Ukrainian people.

The Ukrainian Diaspora, whose activities are coordinated by the UWC, recognizes Victor Yushchenko as the winner of this election – and offers support as required or requested by the Ukrainian people – to ensure an independent democratic Ukraine.

The UWC (with member organizations in 30 countries representing over 20 million Ukrainian Diaspora) actively monitored the pre-election period, October 31st election and November 21st election. The conclusions noted below are drawn from the direct observation of over 250 accredited international monitors.

Widespread violations and abuses, as documented and reported both through the pre-election and election periods, have directly benefited the candidacy of presidential candidate Victor Yanukovych.

Should Victor Yanukovych be declared president by the CEC, he cannot be deemed to have been elected through a fair and free expression of the political will of the Ukrainian voters. Should Victor Yushchenko be declared President by the CEC, he will have earned that position despite systemic administrative obstructionism, voter manipulation, state controlled media bias and innumerable electoral violations.

Documented violations include but are not limited to:

- fraudulent proxy voting
- multiple voting
- ballot box stuffing by administrative officials and electoral commission members
- bribery
- administrative resource mobilization
- threats and intimidations
- voter list manipulation

- and ballot box destruction and vandalism

All such documented violations are in clear contravention of Ukrainian electoral law.

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