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Ukraine needs Canada's help.

Canada must strongly condemn the beating and killing of protestors and journalists. The Government of Ukraine and its leadership are to blame for this escalation. Canada must take decisive action including visa revocation and individual sanctions against those responsible for human rights abuse, corruption and illegal business practices in Ukraine.

Whether it was its independence of 1991 , its Orange Revolution of 2004, Canada has always stood firm during Ukraine's time of need.

Ukraine is, again, at a point where it needs help from the world community and Canada in particular. Ukraine's regime has now illegally installed laws that undermine media freedom, freedom of assembly, and ability to oppose the government. Any dissention by the Opposition parties or any Ukrainian citizen will result in swift reprisals - these laws came into effect on January 18 and provide for penalties and jail terms held in kangaroo courts. Three Ukrainians have been killed and scores more have disappeared from the streets.

News releases with condemnations are not enough. Ukraine needs Canada's government to act. What is the Canadian government doing to ensure that the anti-democratic actions of the Ukrainian government do not go unpunished?

I implore you and your government to act to move Ukraine onto the right path.

My regards,