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[INSERT MP NAME]

House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear [Your MP's name], MP:

Re: Canada's role in a possible UN peacekeeping mission to Ukraine

As your constituent, **I am writing to you to express my support for Canada taking a leadership role in a possible UN peacekeeping mission in eastern Ukraine.** Since invading Ukraine in 2014 and illegally occupying Crimea, Russia has waged a war of aggression in the east Ukrainian oblasts of Donetsk and Luhansk. This war has cost Ukraine over 10,000 dead, over 23,000 wounded and 1.5 million internally displaced people.

Any UN peacekeeping mission to Ukraine must guarantee Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty, namely:

- a) It must be deployed to the entire territory of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts;
- b) It must involve the withdrawal of all Russian troops and mercenaries and their weapons from Ukrainian territory;
- c) It must be deployed to the Russia-Ukraine border in order to prevent Russian military, weapons and equipment from again infiltrating Ukrainian territory;
- d) Russia, as an aggressor state and the instigator of the war, cannot have its personnel on the mission.

Canada is uniquely placed to play a leadership role in establishing such a UN mission. Canada has a long and proud history of participation in peacekeeping operations and Canada has the international credibility to rally support for such a plan.

In order for Russia to accept such a mission, however, Ukraine's position must be strengthened. The Government of Canada should:

1. **Provide Ukraine with lethal defensive weapons**, particularly anti-tank and anti-artillery and radar systems – in order to increase the costs to Russia of any further aggression;
2. **Increase sanctions on Russia** – particularly economic sectoral sanctions and individual sanctions against Russian officials responsible for Russia's aggression and for violations of internationally recognized human rights.

Russian President Putin has proven time and again that he responds only to strength. If the cost of war for Russia is higher than the cost of peace, Ukraine will have peace.

I urge you to support Canada taking a leadership role in establishing a fulsome and effective UN peacekeeping mission to Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

[SIGNATURE]

[INSERT YOUR NAME]

[OPTIONAL - INSERT YOUR ADDRESS]