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August 24, 2018

Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser Auld  
Commanding Officer, Joint Task Force-Ukraine  
Operation UNIFIER

Dear Lieutenant-Colonel Auld:

**Re: Ukraine's Independence Day**

On behalf of Canada's 1.4 million-strong Ukrainian community, please accept my warm greetings and best wishes to you and the CAF personnel under your command serving in Joint Task Force-Ukraine on Ukraine's Independence Day!

The right to independence exercised by the people of Ukraine twenty-seven years ago is today under threat from a ruthless foreign aggressor. Russia's war against Ukraine is a daily reminder to us all that too often and at great cost, the sacred cause of liberty must be defended.

As Ukrainian Canadians, it is a great source of pride for our community that Canada's Armed Forces are providing invaluable training and assistance to the Ukrainian soldiers who so bravely defend their country's inviolable right to freedom. Our community follows the progress of Operation UNIFIER closely and we are continually impressed by the achievements of the cooperation between Canada's and Ukraine's military. JTF-U has provided important training that has played a large part in increasing the UAF's battle-readiness and effectiveness.

We are delighted to learn that CAF personnel will again be participating in Ukraine's Independence Day Parade. There is no greater symbol of the strong bonds of friendship between our two peoples than to have the Maple Leaf proudly displayed at the Parade, and to have our Canadian men and women in uniform join their Ukrainian compatriots on Ukraine's Independence Day.

Please convey to the Canadian soldiers under your command the sincere respect and gratitude of the Ukrainian Canadian community for their service to Canada and for their support of Ukraine.

Glory to Ukraine! Glory to Canada!

Yours sincerely,  
**UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS**

Paul Grod  
National President

CC: His Excellency Roman Waschuk, Canada's Ambassador to Ukraine