



**Resolutions of the XXVI Triennial Congress
of Ukrainian Canadians
November 1-3, 2019 Ottawa Ontario**

Greetings and Anniversaries

1. The XXVI Congress of Ukrainian Canadians taking place in Ottawa, Ontario, November 1st-3rd, 2019, greets the hierarchy and clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox church, the Ukrainian Catholic church, the Ukrainian Evangelical Association of Canada and all spiritual leaders in the Ukrainian Canadian community.
2. The XXVI Congress of Ukrainian Canadians extends sincere greetings to the Government of Canada, Members of Parliament and the Senate of Canada and expresses gratitude for their support of the growth and development of the Ukrainian community in Canada and assistance to the government and people of Ukraine in their ongoing efforts to secure a prosperous and peaceful future for themselves.
3. The XXVI Congress of Ukrainian Canadians greets the Government of the Province of Ontario and the City of Ottawa and expresses its sincere gratitude for their warm hospitality and support for the UCC's Triennial Congress.
4. The participants of the XXVI Congress greet the Ukrainian World Congress and national umbrella organizations of the Ukrainian diaspora
5. The UCC greets the Canada-Ukraine Foundation on the 25th Anniversary of its establishment in 2020.
6. The XXVI Congress of Ukrainian Canadians extends sincere greetings on the 70th anniversary of the founding of the League for the Liberation of Ukraine now known as the League of Ukrainian Canadians. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress expresses pride and gratitude for the immeasurable contribution of the League of Ukrainian Canadians not only to the liberation of Ukraine but to the development of our vibrant Ukrainian Canadian community.
7. The XXVI Congress extends its greetings to Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, which is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding in 2019.

Recognitions and Anniversaries

8. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ukraine

WHEREAS the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and its Metropolitan Epiphany have recently received a TOMOS of autocephaly from the Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew, and

WHEREAS the Orthodox Church of Greece has recognized this autocephaly,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 26th Congress of Ukrainian Canadians warmly greets the newly independent Orthodox Church of Ukraine and its Metropolitan Epiphany, wishing continued success in strengthening spiritual values in Ukraine.

9. 80th Anniversary of Ukrainian Canadian Congress

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress is celebrating its 80th Anniversary in 2020,

BE IT RESOLVED that UCC National, provincial councils, and branches work together to celebrate this important milestone.

10. 90th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada

WHEREAS 2020 marks the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada, Patron Olha Basarab,

BE IT RESOLVED that national, provincial councils, and member organizations acknowledge this event.

11. 65th Anniversary of League of Ukrainian Canadian Women

WHEREAS 2019 marks the 65th Anniversary of the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women, LUCW,

BE IT RESOLVED that UCC National, its provincial councils and member organizations acknowledge this event.

12. 100th Anniversary of Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America

WHEREAS 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America, which was founded in Kyiv, Ukraine in 1918 by Vasyl Yemets as the "Kobzar Choir;

AND WHEREAS Since its establishment in the Great Lakes region in 1949, the UBC has presented over 500 concerts in North America, Ukraine, Western Europe and Australia;

AND WHEREAS The UBC continues to support bandura and Ukrainian choral education through bandura schools, summer camps and grass roots outreach programs and thereby continues to play a leading role in the preservation, promotion and protection of Ukrainian culture, history and traditions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC celebrates the 100th anniversary of The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America; and

Acknowledges and applauds the leadership role the UBC continues to play in promotion of Ukraine, Ukrainian history and culture; and

Agrees that their mission is equally if not more important today than it ever has been and commemorates the 100th anniversary of The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus by naming the ensemble an honorary national organization of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, thereby supporting its education, outreach and performance programs and events across Canada.

13. 80th Anniversary of New Community Credit Union

WHEREAS 2019 marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of New Community Credit Union in Saskatoon by the Ukrainian National Federation of Canada,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC congratulate the New Community Credit Union on its 80th anniversary.

14. 50th Anniversary of Hoosli Ukrainian Male Chorus

WHEREAS 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Hoosli Ukrainian Male Chorus,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC congratulate Hoosli Ukrainian Male Chorus on this milestone achievement

15. 50th Anniversary of Kyiv Pavilion

WHEREAS 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Kyiv Pavilion of Winnipeg's Folklorama Festival;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC congratulate the Kyiv Pavilion on this anniversary.

Canada

16. Truth and Reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada

WHEREAS the Government of Canada established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with the mandate of informing all Canadians about Residential Schools,

and documenting the truth of survivors, families, communities and anyone affected by the Residential School system; and

WHEREAS the United Nations has declared 2019 the Year of Indigenous Languages; and

WHEREAS language is inextricably linked to culture, as is evidenced by the experience of the Indigenous, Crimean Tartar and Ukrainian peoples; and

WHEREAS there are clear parallels between Ukrainians as indigenous to their own land under siege for centuries, and Indigenous peoples in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made a series of recommendations and calls to action to the Government of Canada and the people of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ukrainians have made Canada their home for over 125 years and Ukrainian settlers in Canada, particularly in the prairie provinces, had a close relationship with Indigenous communities based on cooperation; and

WHEREAS the process of reconciliation is a vital part of improving and strengthening the relationship between the Indigenous Peoples and the non-indigenous people of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress approach the Assembly of First Nations with the proposition to jointly explore how the Ukrainian and Indigenous communities of Canada work together to promote mutual understanding and closer cooperation

17. Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day in Canada

WHEREAS the first official Ukrainian immigrants, Vasyl Eleniak and Ivan Pylypiw, arrived in Canada on September 7, 1891;

AND WHEREAS soon afterwards, Ukrainian immigrants began arriving in Canada in larger numbers;

WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario and Alberta, have proclaimed September 7th every year to be Ukrainian Heritage Day;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in conjunction with its branches and its members work with every provincial legislature, territorial government, and with the Government of Canada to realize September 7th as Ukrainian Heritage Day in every part of Canada.

18. Vyshyvanka Day in Canada

WHEREAS From time immemorial, an embroidered shirt known as Vyshyvanka was not only a part of the wardrobe for Ukrainians, but a unique garb. People believe that it is possible to embroider a shirt with a bright fate, health, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS every year, thousands of Ukrainian-Canadians celebrate Vyshyvanka Day to show that an embroidered shirt is an integral part of their cultural identity, a symbol of the struggle for independence, and a symbol of dignity, love, and unity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ukrainian Canadian Congress endorse the creation of a Vyshyvanka Day Committee that will coordinate and popularize Vyshyvanka Day celebrations throughout Canada.

19. Hateful Soviet Symbols

WHEREAS The Communist, totalitarian regime of the Soviet Union is responsible for the death of tens of millions of people, and that Communist regimes around the world are responsible for the deaths of tens of millions more people;

And that propagating and glorifying Soviet symbols such as the hammer and sickle, the red star, and other such symbols, promote an ideology and a regime based on intolerance and hatred and is insulting to the memory of millions of victims of Communism;

And that over 1.3 million Canadians trace their roots to Ukraine, which suffered under Soviet rule from 1922-1991;

BE IT RESOLVED That the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, its provincial councils, local branches and member organizations speak out and act against the use of Soviet symbols and the propagation of the ideology of Communism in Canada as reprehensible, hateful and insensitive to the plight of millions of victims of Soviet Communism and Communist regimes all over the world.

20. Defending Human Rights

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress support efforts to explore possibilities of cooperation with international and national organizations and other communities in defense of human rights, specifically to support the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people in defending their human rights in Russian-occupied Crimea; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC develop policy recommendations to the Government of Canada to effectively defend human rights around the world and counter efforts at disinformation intended to deny the inherent human rights of all individuals, minorities, and communities

21. Democratic Participation

Whereas the previous yoke of totalitarian ideological conformity in their ancestral homeland makes Ukrainian Canadians acutely aware of the need to protect the fundamental human rights of freedom of conscience and freedom of expression;

And whereas we affirm the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

And whereas one notices a trend within government, professional regulatory bodies and political parties - among others - to marginalize certain people of faith and exclude them from public program funding, professional vocations, and participation in the democratic political process on the basis of their religious beliefs and convictions of conscience:

Be it resolved that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress call upon these entities to avoid exclusionary policies in favor of the democratic principles that protect the freedom of conscience and belief in Canada, and guarantee the full participation of all Canadians in the public life of our country

22. Defending Canadian Democracy

Whereas Canada has a strong and vibrant democracy that benefits all citizens, including our Ukrainian community in Canada;

Whereas this democracy is under threat from the leakage of skillfully-prepared fake news, disinformation and outright lies from Russian state propaganda outlets such as RT (Russian Television) now broadcasting on Canadian cable television networks, into the general media space;

Whereas the UCC has established a multiethnic committee of skilled and knowledgeable members in the area of communications and information to deal in general with such issues;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC have the committee focus on a campaign to have all Russian direct and indirect propaganda outlets removed from the Canadian broadcasting space.

23. Centenary of Internment

WHEREAS Canada's first national internment operations of 1914–1920 ("Internment") ended on June 20, 1920;

AND WHEREAS June 20, 2020 marks the 100-year anniversary of the conclusion of the Internment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress commemorate the centenary of the ending of internment on June 20, 2020.

Ukraine

24. Canada-Ukraine Foundation and UN Sustainability Development Goals

WHEREAS the provision of Canadian humanitarian aid to Ukraine continues as Ukraine aspires to meet the United Nation's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to support and augment Canadian Humanitarian assistance to Ukraine through the existing mandate of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF). CUF will collaborate with UCC and others to coordinate, promote, help prioritize and maximize the effectiveness of aid to Ukraine. Provincial councils are encouraged to communicate to their membership CUF's mission and objectives and all Canadian assistance to Ukraine. Member organizations of UCC are also encouraged to coordinate their projects and access the CUF advisory groups for information, guidance and assistance as needed; and

BE IT RESOLVED that UCC supports CUF's intention to organize a conference in 2020 on Ukraine's progress for implementation of the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

25. Territorial Integrity of Ukraine

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress is a representative organization of all Ukrainian Canadian organizations, and acts as the representative of all Ukrainian Canadians before the governments of Canada and Ukraine;

AND WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress supports the Canadian government's unwavering support for the fundamental principles of a sovereign, independent, territorially integral, and democratic Ukraine;

AND WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress supports a peaceful civil discourse regarding the Steinmeier Formula and recognizes the worries of concession by large sectors of Ukrainian society represented by broad movements such as the Capitulation Resistance Movement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress calls upon the Government and people of Canada to support the efforts of the Government of Ukraine to maintain a clear and unequivocal position that:

- No elections can take place in the Russian-occupied territories of Luhansk and Donetsk provinces until all Russian troops, mercenaries, and other surrogates, including occupation regime officials, weapons and other lethal and non-lethal military materiel are withdrawn from Ukrainian territory, Ukraine regains complete control of the Ukrainian side of the Ukraine-Russia border, the displaced residents of Donbas are able to peacefully return to their homes, and law and order are restored by appropriate Ukrainian government agencies;

- Ukraine's strategic course for Euro-Atlantic and NATO integration, as set out in Ukraine's Constitution, is non-negotiable and immutable;
- International sanctions on Russia must be strengthened and expanded until Russia de-occupies the sovereign Ukrainian territory of Crimea and parts of the Luhansk and Donetsk provinces, and provides full reparations.

26. Ukrainian Minorities

WHEREAS the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine in 2014 and continues to illegally occupy Ukrainian territory in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine, and

WHEREAS Russia actively oppresses minority groups, national minorities within the Russian Federation, including gender, sexual, linguistic, and religious minorities, and

WHEREAS Ukrainian minorities who live in the current war zone and occupied areas are at an even greater risk than those who do not, given the Russian Federation's increasingly discriminatory stance towards minority diversity, especially those of gender and sexual minorities, and

WHEREAS there is a significant lack of resources to support internally displaced persons of gender and sexual minorities, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress will support efforts to promote the establishment of critical services for Ukrainian minorities, especially those fleeing from Russian invasion and occupation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UCC National and Provincial Councils and branches support efforts to raise awareness about the precarious situation of Ukrainians minorities, advocate the establishment of critical services for Ukrainian minorities, and, where possible, fundraise for organizations that support Ukrainian minorities

27. Human rights abuses by Russia

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the XXVI Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians calls on the UCC Board, Executive Committee and member organizations to continue exposing the gross violations by the Russian Federation of Ukraine's territorial integrity, as well as the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of Ukrainians and Crimean Tatars in the occupied territories of Ukraine and in the Russian Federation, and to actively advocate for Canada to take the lead in ensuring a proper response by the international community, including economic, technical and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and increased sanctions against the Russian Federation to secure Ukraine's territorial integrity and the release of all Ukrainian hostages and political prisoners

Canada-Ukraine relations

28. Canada Ukraine education partnerships

WHEREAS Ukraine is now a priority country for Canada's International Education Strategy for 2019-2024, and

WHEREAS Global Affairs Canada has provided a budget of \$150 million for that period,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC should support initiatives to ensure scholarships are available for students from Ukraine to study in Canada, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UCC should support collaboration and joint programs between universities and other institutions in Canada and Ukraine.

29. Canadian International Development Assistance to Ukraine

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has provided robust aid to Ukraine such as training the military and police,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 26th Congress of Ukrainian Canadians thank the Government of Canada for its assistance and encourage the strengthening of existing programs, such as OP Unifier, as well as the addition of new initiatives, such as the transition from orphanages to a foster-care system, cessation of human trafficking in all its forms, and anti-corruption programs that promote the rule of law.

30. Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program

WHEREAS it is important to develop leaders for Ukraine,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC should seek funding from the Canadian government for the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC seek additional funding from the government of Ukraine or other sources in Ukraine.

31. Support for Effective Elections in Ukraine

Whereas Ukraine has established an effective electoral mechanism and run a number of successful, honest elections over the last five years;

Whereas much of this success is due to large and effective monitoring missions sponsored by, inter alia, Canada; and

Whereas the threat to election integrity now lies more in electronic attacks, fake news, shortage of independent media and other concerted attempts to subvert them:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress encourage the Canadian government to include electoral monitoring in Ukraine to a long-term effort to assist in dealing with cyber-attacks, the pernicious effects of media concentration and other elements of both internal and external 'hybrid war'.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada be encouraged to take lessons from this effort, and wider Ukrainian resistance to attacks on the democratic order, and work to have them widely publicized in Canada through: Relevant government bodies; Appropriate non-governmental organizations; and the UCC's channels of information.

32. Aid to Ukraine

Whereas Canada maintains an extensive development aid program for Ukraine;

Whereas this program is provided through a host of Canadian Non-Governmental Organizations and commercial corporations;

Whereas the Canadian Government is willing to support professionally-developed and managed projects that respond to real needs in Ukraine; and

Whereas the Ukrainian Canadian community, using its own resources, has developed extensive experience in assisting Ukraine in a wide variety of fields and has a wide network of appropriate contacts in Ukraine:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress cooperate with the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and other relevant groups to establish a professionally-staffed coordinating body that will have as its task accessing Canadian government development assistance in support of community efforts assisting Ukraine.

Community Development

33. Government Relations and Political Engagement Strategy

WHEREAS the Ukrainian community wishes to improve its government relations,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC further develop its government relations by enhancing the Project Link program, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC provides best government relations practices to all UCC provincial councils and branches; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC provide an annual political engagement session to SUSK leaders, which should include advice on how to engage with government, the importance of joining political parties, information on working for the government or serving on government boards and committees.

34. Building Governance Capacity

WHEREAS the Ukrainian community is seeking to increase efficiency in the governance of the Ukrainian community in Canada.

BE IT RESOVLED that UCC National seek to make resources available to promote good governance to UCC councils and branches; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC National encourages all UCC entities be incorporated or at a minimum to maintain up-to-date bylaws.

35. National Community Archives

WHEREAS collecting, organizing and safeguarding Ukrainian Canadian community archives provides a unique historical record of the development of the Ukrainian Canadian community and development of Canada

WHEREAS archival material (photos, documents, interviews...) provide an indispensable source for future researchers; and

WHEREAS many invaluable community archives are being "lost" across Canada

BE IT RESOLVED that UCC encourage Ukrainian Canadian organizations to organize their community archives, and
UCC seek to reactivate the UCC National Archives Committee to coordinate archive-collection information between provinces, and

UCC support the creation of a go-to link for existing Ukrainian Canadian archive collections.

36. Senior Living

WHEREAS the population of aging Ukrainian Canadians is growing quickly and many face the need for assisted living,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UCC support the development of a national strategy for Ukrainian Senior Living in a culturally appropriate environment.

37. Ukrainian Canadian businesses

WHEREAS many Ukrainian Canadian owned businesses are located across the country; and

WHEREAS businesses support the activities of the Ukrainian Canadian community

BE IT RESOLVED that a strategy be developed to better understand the needs and partnership opportunities of Ukrainian Canadian owned businesses and the Ukrainian Canadian community

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the UCC support efforts to recognize Ukrainian-owned businesses that support the UCC and its member organizations

38. Inclusion

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian community encompasses a wide variety of identities;

WHEREAS we as a community we can do much more to include ALL Ukrainian Canadians within the activities of all our groups and associations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UCC, by example to seek to include all Ukrainian Canadians, regardless of gender, sexual orientations, age, gender assignment, and multi-ethnic identities;

39. Leadership Development

BE IT RESOLVED that UCC encourages Provincial Councils, local branches, and community organizations to nominate candidates, including youth, for local, provincial and federal boards, commissions and committees in the broader Canadian community to develop their leadership skills and position the Ukrainian Canadian community to better influence government policy and programs.

40. Community Development

Whereas the Ukrainian Canadian community is large, varied, geographically dispersed and generationally divided;

Whereas our community is thus faced with a series of complex, interrelated issues that often hinder community development; and

Whereas these factors necessitate more comprehensive, professional, nationally-coordinated but locally-driven efforts towards community development:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, working with other community institutions and funders such as the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko, develop an internet- based community development portal as an anchor for this effort. This portal can develop to include, but not be limited to, such elements as:

- UCC Events Handbook,
- Results of panels and workshops at this Congress;
- explanation of, and links to, relevant government Multicultural Policy sources of assistance;

- leadership training and development resources to grow a population capable of replacing current leadership;
- advice on how to positively engage with current Canadian issues such as reconciliation with Canada's indigenous population; and
- Links to materials on effective governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this portal serve as a link to, and otherwise support, ongoing community development efforts such as, but not limited to:

- Ukrainian Canadian Arts Network; and
- Shkola.ca - Ukrainian Schooling in Canada.
- Be it still further resolved that the community development portal serve as a launch pad for a monthly electronic community development newsletter:
- Containing best practices from both our community and others; and
- Serving as a link between all those involved in this field.

41. Ukrainian Canadian Credit Unions

WHEREAS the Ukrainian credit unions of Canada are the economic engines of the Ukrainian Canadian community, with over 65000 members and \$2.75 billion in assets under administration, serving all waves of Ukrainian immigration to Canada and;

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and its member organization recognize the important role that Credit Unions have played in the development of the community; and

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress recognizes the need to maintain, strengthen and grow the Ukrainian credit union system in Canada for the future;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC shall support concrete efforts to engage the broader Ukrainian Canadian community to participate as active members of Ukrainian credit unions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress encourage its major donors and benefactors to direct their donations to the congress through active daily banking with Ukrainian credit unions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress engage with the Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada to develop a youth engagement strategy to build the future leaders of the Credit Union System and to encourage broader membership of Ukrainian-Canadian youth in their local Ukrainian credit union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UCC work with the Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions to evaluate growth potential for the establishment of new CUs across Canada.

Education and Youth

42. Youth Exchange Programs

WHEREAS it is important to have people experience Ukraine first hand,

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC should support initiatives to enact a “birthright” program for Ukrainian Canadian students, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC should support the development of partnerships with organizations that run programs in Ukraine to host Canadian youth and students

43. Youth Volunteerism

WHEREAS Youth in Canada are actively engaged in volunteer activities both in and outside of the Ukrainian community; and

WHEREAS Presently, there is no formal cross-organizational platform to track and recognize this volunteer effort

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress explore the viability (including funding sources, resources, grants and other available supports) and develop a strategy to establish a youth volunteer tracking program to recognize service and contribution to Ukrainian and Canadian life.

44. Teaching modern Ukrainian history

WHEREAS, understanding the facts of historical and current events in Ukraine are central to gaining an accurate understanding of Ukrainian history and culture;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC National Ukrainian Education Council continues the development and refinement of resources for the teaching of modern Ukrainian history to all Canadians.

45. National Ukrainian Education Council

WHEREAS, the current practices of educational professional development events prove to be effective in sharing teaching expertise and delivering best methodological approaches used in classrooms;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC National Ukrainian Education Council will continue to support the exchange of best practices in teaching and learning among Ukrainian educators, students and other stakeholders with support from the national office and other community resources.

46. Public Relations strategy on Ukrainian studies

WHEREAS, there is the need to develop public relations strategies to inform and promote Ukrainian Studies programs and courses to all stakeholders;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UCC National Ukrainian Education Council, with support and coordination of the national office, will develop a public relation strategy to encourage enrollment in Ukrainian studies programs and courses at all levels.

47. Heritage Language Partnerships

WHEREAS language and culture are inseparable elements of identity that affect the social, psychological, and emotional wellness of Ukrainian Canadian youth;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC support the gathering of community activists, educators, and parents of school aged youth from across Canada to engage in a national dialogue about future perspectives for Ukrainian language learning in Canada; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that member organizations/branches of UCC be encouraged to support representatives to attend two regional meetings (one in western Canada, one in eastern Canada) and one national meeting in order to determine future perspectives, strategies for support, and a process to change the term *heritage languages* to an inclusive, contemporary Canadian term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UCC approach the ULEC to form strategic partnerships with other ethno-cultural communities regarding the discussion on heritage languages.

48. Youth Cooperation

WHEREAS there is apparent need to strengthen and grow the Ukrainian youth community, and

WHEREAS UCC member youth organizations exist and operate with different mandates,

BE IT RESOLVED that UCC and its members support and encourage interorganizational collaboration efforts between member youth organizations.

Draft Resolutions Referred by the XXVI Congress to UCC Board of Directors

A draft resolution on commemoration of the Holodomor during Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month (April) in Canada was referred to the Board of Directors for further consultation and development.

A draft resolution on annual Internment Commemoration Day was referred to the Board of Directors for further consultation and development.