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The Honourable David Lametti, PC, MP
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Lametti:

Re: Bill C-15 *An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) welcomes the recent introduction in first reading of Bill C-15, *An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

The UCC, which represents the interests of the 1.4-million-strong Ukrainian community in Canada, supports the findings outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. We believe that the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a crucial step in the promotion of reconciliation.

The UCC believes that the adoption of this legislation will be an important part of the process of addressing systemic discrimination that still affects Indigenous Nations and communities in Canada today. This legislation would uphold the values of comity, democracy and respect for human rights that all Canadians rightly cherish.

As Bill C-15 works its way through the legislative process in both Houses of Parliament, we respectfully urge the Government of Canada to continue to work with the Assembly of First Nations, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis National Council to ensure that the views and concerns of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada are reflected in the final version of the legislation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact UCC CEO and Executive Director Ihor Michalchyshyn at ihor@ucc.ca or 613-232-8822.

Yours truly,
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