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The Honourable Mélanie Joly, PC, MP
Minister of Foreign Affairs
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2

Dear Minister Joly:

RE: Gazprom Nord Stream 1 turbine and Canadian sanctions on Russia

The Ukrainian Canadian community read with growing concern reports that the government of Germany, together with the Russian state gas company Gazprom, are attempting to circumvent sanctions imposed by Canada as a consequence of Russia's war on Ukraine.

According to Der Spiegel "The German government is endeavouring to secure the delivery of the turbine stuck in Canada for the further operation of the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline. According to SPIEGEL information, there are already contacts between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Canadian government and the EU Commission. The aim is a corresponding exemption from the Canadian sanctions. These are currently preventing extradition." [Nord Stream 1: German government seeks delivery of stuck turbine - DER SPIEGEL](#)

Since Russia began its full-scale assault on Ukraine on February 24, Russia has earned approximately \$100 billion in revenues from the export of energy. Over 60% of these revenues have been contributed by member states of the European Union, including Germany. German and EU funds are being used to finance Russia's genocidal war against the Ukrainian people.

Should the Government of Canada agree to waive the sanctions that are preventing delivery of this turbine, the German state will be in a position to provide even more funds to Russia to continue financing Russia's genocide against Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress calls upon the Government of Canada to abide by the sanctions which have been imposed.

A decision to waive these sanctions would increase the already serious concerns about the commitment of the Government of Canada to supporting Ukraine, arising from *inter alia* the failure to expel either the Russian Ambassador to Canada or his operatives, consorting with representatives of a genocidal regime at Russia Day celebrations, the failure to declare Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism, and the gap between Canada and other allies in assistance provided to Ukraine as a proportion of GDP.

Accordingly, we call on you to ensure that there is no waiver of sanctions pertaining to Nord Stream 1.

Moreover, we ask that the Government of Canada convey to Germany and the European Union the need to urgently end Europe's reliance on Russian energy exports. This dependence threatens not only the European continent but also Canadian security as well.

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

Yours very truly,

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