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July 5, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**Re: Canada's participation in G-20 Meetings**

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is concerned about reports that the President and representatives of the Russian Federation intend to attend the upcoming meetings of the G20 in Bali.

The Russian Federation is committing genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and has engaged in acts of terror against Ukraine's civilian population. These crimes include the indiscriminate bombing of civilians, the use of prohibited weapons, mass rape and sexual violence, the taking of hostages, the abduction of children and adults, systematic deportations, the threat of nuclear violence, instigation of global famine, and violations of numerous international laws and treaties, including breaches of the Hague and Geneva Conventions.

Representatives of the Russian regime use international fora like the G20 as an international platform from which to lie about the war they are waging against Ukraine. Vladimir Putin's attendance at the G20 Summit would not only undermine the credibility of this organization, it would jeopardize the ability of Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, to attend the meeting of the G20 in November as an invited guest.

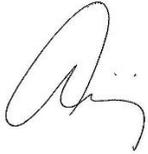
For the foregoing reasons, and in accordance with Parliament's declaration that Russia is committing genocide in Ukraine, and the Government's stated policy objective of isolating the Russian Federation from the international community, we ask that Canada lead the process of expelling the Russian Federation from the G-20. In 2014, Canada led the way in removing Russia from the (then) G8 in response to Russia's invasion of Crimea and eastern Ukraine. Today Canada can demonstrate the same bold leadership in calling for the removal of Russia from the G-20.

Should the expulsion of the Russian Federation from the G20 not be feasible before the meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on July 11 – 17, 2022, we call upon Deputy Prime Minister Freeland and all representatives of the Government of Canada in attendance to demonstrate their opprobrium of the Russian Federation by walking out of meetings while representatives of the Russian Federation speak.

This was done to great effect by Deputy Prime Minister Freeland and other allies at the most recent meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Washington, D.C. in April.

In closing, we would like to thank you again for Canada's ongoing support of Ukraine.

Yours truly  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra Chyczij', written in a cursive style.

Alexandra Chyczij, National President

cc The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, PC, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance