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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Sanctions on Nord Stream 1 Siemens Turbine

On June 15, 2022 the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) wrote to Minister Joly to express concern about media reports of a possible waiver of Canadian sanctions on the Nord Stream 1 (NS1) Siemens turbine that is currently in Canada.

As has been noted by both the Government of Ukraine and in independent media reports, Russia's Gazprom has artificially reduced gas flows in NS1 in order to exert pressure on Germany and to foment discord between Ukraine and its supporters. Indeed, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has questioned whether the cut in gas flow is politically motivated rather than a technical issue.

Experts have reported that the absence of the turbine in question does not in and of itself reduce the flow of gas to the point that is being claimed by Gazprom. Indeed, it has been reported that Gazprom deliberately turned off additional turbines in order to decrease the flow of gas through NS1.

In recent months, Russia engaged in similar pressure tactics when it introduced legislation to oblige European gas traders to pay for gas in rubles.

The Russian Federation is once again using energy as a weapon to sow discord among Ukraine's allies. It is also clear that Russia seeks to set a precedent for the waiver of sanctions which will then be used to extract more waivers of sanctions and to undermine Western unity.

We urge the Government of Canada to see through this obvious ploy and to use its good offices to broker a solution which does not involve the waiver of sanctions. This is a test of the resolve of the Government of Canada to maintain sanctions and to continue to isolate Russia. Any waiver of Canadian sanctions would be viewed as a capitulation to Russian blackmail and energy terrorism, and would only serve to embolden the

Russian terrorist state, with far-reaching and negative consequences not only for Ukraine or the European Union, but for Canadian security as well.

It is our understanding that Ukraine has offered an attractive alternative, namely, a discount on the use of Ukraine's transit pipelines to transmit gas to Germany and the EU.

Accordingly, the UCC calls upon the Government of Canada to ensure that all sanctions that have been imposed by Canada on Russia remain in place.

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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