

Resolutions of the XXVIII Congress of Ukrainian Canadians

GREETINGS

The XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians, taking place in Toronto, Ontario November 14-16, 2025, extends greetings to:

- the heroic Ukrainian People, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the President, Government, and Parliament of Ukraine, and pledges unequivocal and total support to the Ukrainian peoples' defence of their country from Russia's genocidal war of aggression;
- 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;
- the Government of Canada, Members of Parliament and Senate of Canada and expresses gratitude for their assistance to the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian peoples' heroic defence of Ukraine and of freedom in Europe;
- the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and the many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples for whom Toronto is home and expresses sincere gratitude for their warm hospitality and support of the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians;
- the Government of the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto and the people of Ontario and Toronto, and expresses sincere gratitude for their warm hospitality and support for the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians;
- the Ukrainian World Congress and national umbrella organizations of the Ukrainian diaspora around the world.

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S GENOCIDAL WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

1. EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE AND THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

WHEREAS the Russian Federation wages a genocidal war of aggression against Ukraine, and the Ukrainian people are courageously defending their country and the freedom of Europe from Russian tyranny; and

WHEREAS the Russian Federation is purposefully committing genocide against the Ukrainian people, with the aim of devastating and depopulating Ukraine, in order to destroy its statehood and forcibly convert Ukraine to a territory of the so-called "Russian world";

BE IT RESOLVED that the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians confirms its complete solidarity with and pledges to continue all possible support to Ukraine, the Ukrainian people in the homeland, the Ukrainian State, and, in particular, the heroic Armed Forces of Ukraine, and calls on all Ukrainians in the homeland and in the diaspora to national unity and respect for individual dignity and human rights – as the prerequisite for victory over the Russian aggressor and historic enemy of Ukraine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC condemn the Russian Federation's genocide against the Ukrainian people and call on the international community to respond resolutely to the genocide perpetrated by the Russian Federation.

2. THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION – STATE SUPPORTER OF TERRORISM

WHEREAS in its genocidal war against Ukraine, the Russian Federation is committing acts of terrorism against Ukraine and the Ukrainian people;

AND WHEREAS the Russian Federation engages in hybrid warfare against Canada and other states;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC, through advocacy efforts, strengthen the pressure of the Ukrainian community on the Government of Canada in order to ensure the designation of the Russian Federation as a state supporter of terrorism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC advocate for the Government of Canada to address the threat to Canada from Russia and effectively counter and defend against the Russian Federation's hybrid warfare.

3. ASSISTANCE TO THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) is today a priority task of the Ukrainian community;

AND WHEREAS many different projects are initiated and implemented by many different organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC establish a coordinating committee with representatives of member organizations to develop a database of these projects, exchange information, help set and develop priorities, target and strengthen the effectiveness and coordination of individual assistance projects.

4. BOYCOTT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

WHEREAS the Russian Federation continues to wage a genocidal war against Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC call on all Canadians to boycott:

- Russian products or Russian companies still operating in Canada;
- Companies, businesses or institutions that continue to maintain direct or hidden ties with the Russian Federation.

5. CANADA'S SANCTIONS POLICY

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and its allies have used sanctions against the Russian Federation as a tool against aggression in Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to demand that the Government of Canada adhere to already implemented sanctions, and maximally strengthen its own sanctions against the Russian Federation, including the prohibition of issuance of visas to Russians wishing to enter Canada.

6. PROVISION OF WEAPONS TO UKRAINE

WHEREAS the provision of weapons from western states has been critical to Ukraine's battlefield success and the defence of freedom in Europe;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to demand that the Government of Canada accelerate and increase the delivery of weapons, military equipment and training to the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

7. INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S CRIMES IN UKRAINE

WHEREAS in its illegal invasion of Ukraine, the Russian Federation, is committing genocide against the Ukrainian people, and systematically violates the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols;

AND WHEREAS Canada and our allies have forcefully denounced the Russian Federation for its genocidal and criminal actions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UCC continue to work with the Canadian government to support the international investigation of the Russian Federation's genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, with the intention of bringing charges at the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression Against Ukraine.

8. SUPPORT FOR THE RETURN OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN ABDUCTED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

WHEREAS the Russian Federation has abducted hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children;

WHEREAS Russia's state policy of abduction and indoctrination of Ukrainian children is part of the genocide that Russia is committing against the Ukrainian people;

WHEREAS the International Criminal Court has issued warrants for the arrest of Russian officials responsible for these crimes;

WHEREAS Canada co-chairs the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to advocate for and support efforts undertaken by the Government of Canada for the return of Ukrainian children abducted by Russia.

9. CONFISCATION OF RUSSIAN ASSETS AND THEIR USE FOR UKRAINE'S DEFENCE AND RECONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS there is approximately \$300 billion in Russian assets that have been frozen due to Russia's genocidal invasion of Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UCC continue to advocate for the confiscation of all Russian assets frozen in Canada and any funds outside Canada subject to Canadian jurisdiction and that these confiscated assets be used to provide for Ukraine's defence and reconstruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UCC continue to advocate for the confiscation of all Russian assets frozen in global financial institutions and that these confiscated assets be used to provide for Ukraine's defence and reconstruction.

10. RECONSTRUCTION AND REBUILDING OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS the Russian Federation has destroyed hundreds of billions of dollars-worth of infrastructure in Ukraine during the course of its illegal invasion and occupation;

AND WHEREAS Canada has a unique relationship with Ukraine rooted in the large Ukrainian Canadian diaspora;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UCC advocate that the Government of Canada:

- Play a leadership role in rebuilding efforts in Ukraine;
- Spearhead the development of a new "Marshall Plan" for Ukraine with the participation of our international partners and particularly our G7 allies, for the benefit of the Ukrainian people.

11. EXPELLING RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS

WHEREAS Many nations have expelled Russian diplomats in response to the Russian Federation's invasion and genocide and atrocities against Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UCC continue to advocate for the Canadian government to expel Russian diplomats from Canada.

12. DISINFORMATION

WHEREAS the Russian Federation uses disinformation in its hybrid aggression against Ukraine and other democracies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to work with Governments of all levels to promote the importance of recognizing and defending against disinformation, foreign malign influence and intimidation against Ukraine and Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC encourage its members to actively combat disinformation wherever they may encounter it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC share its knowledge and expertise in combatting disinformation with other governments, communities and institutions.

13. ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL DISINFORMATION RESPONSE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS the Russian Federation continues to conduct large-scale disinformation campaigns targeting Canadian democratic institutions, thus contributing to polarization and erosion of trust;

WHEREAS Russian disinformation campaigns seek to undermine public support for Ukraine and spread false narratives about the Ukrainian Canadian community;

WHEREAS the UCC has publicly acknowledged the threat of Russian disinformation and called for government action to systematically address this growing challenge;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ukrainian Canadian Congress establish a National Disinformation Response Task Force, to

- Create a toolkit to identify, monitor and analyze disinformation narratives targeting the Ukrainian Canadian community;
- Develop resources that teach and promote media literacy and digital awareness;
- Build partnerships with government agencies and experts to coordinate cross-sectoral and grass roots initiatives and responses to disinformation.

14. DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL REINTEGRATION STRATEGY FOR CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS RETURNING FROM UKRAINE

WHEREAS since 2022, numerous Canadian citizens have voluntarily traveled to Ukraine to support its defense against Russian aggression, including by serving in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and through humanitarian roles;

WHEREAS the UCC has appropriately recognized and honoured the sacrifice of Canadian volunteers who lost their lives in Ukraine;

WHEREAS returning Canadian volunteers—those who have survived combat or field service—often face serious physical, psychological, social, and legal challenges, and currently lack access to coordinated reintegration supports;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ukrainian Canadian Congress initiate a National Reintegration Strategy for Returning Canadian Volunteers, to:

- Establish a secure, voluntary national registry of Canadian volunteers who served in Ukraine, to enable responsive services, community outreach, and policy planning;
- Assess their needs in areas such as mental health, housing, employment, legal status, and peer support;
- Work with healthcare providers, veterans' organizations, employment services, and local Ukrainian Canadian institutions to deliver trauma-informed, culturally appropriate support and recognition.

UKRAINIAN DISPLACED PERSONS IN CANADA

15. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN DISPLACED PERSONS

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian community plays an important role in supporting Ukrainians displaced by Russia's genocidal war against Ukraine;

AND WHEREAS the branches and provincial councils of the UCC have worked with provincial governments to support displaced Ukrainians;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to support Ukrainians displaced by the war in their social, professional, and psychological integration into the Ukrainian community and Canadian society.

16. EXPEDITED PATHWAY TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR DISPLACED UKRAINIANS

WHEREAS Canada responded swiftly and compassionately to Russia's illegal war of aggression by providing temporary refuge to close to 300,000 displaced Ukrainians who came to Canada through the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) and ;

WHEREAS since January 2025 Russia has doubled its attacks on Ukrainian civilians and civilian infrastructure and that with every month that Russia's war against Ukraine continues, it becomes less likely that Ukrainians will be able to return home or that they will have a home to return to, and Ukrainians displaced to Canada need certainty and predictability in their lives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians call upon the Government of Canada to establish a pathway to permanent residence for displaced Ukrainians currently residing in Canada.

17. CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SETTLEMENT SERVICES AND LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR NEWCOMERS

WHEREAS settlement services, including orientation, counselling, employment support, and language training, play a vital role in helping newcomers integrate successfully into Canadian society;

AND WHEREAS the successful settlement of immigrants is made possible through sustained government investment in settlement services and the close cooperation between government, community-based services and ethno-cultural organizations;

AND WHEREAS with significant experience in serving Ukrainian newcomers, Ukrainian community organizations continue to be uniquely positioned to understand and respond to needs in a culturally sensitive and effective way, complementing the work of mainstream services;

AND WHEREAS continued investment in settlement services is an investment in Canada's long-term prosperity, ensuring that newcomers can contribute effectively to the economy and society;

AND WHEREAS language training is a key component of integration, and there is significant concern about the upcoming discontinuation of the federally funded higher-level Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) training (Levels 5 and above), which would leave many newcomers without the advanced language instruction required for professional success, academic advancement, and full participation in Canadian society;

BE IT RESOLVED that the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and strengthen its investment in settlement services and language training, and to continue supporting Ukrainian community organizations that deliver such services, recognizing these as essential supports for newcomers and as long-term investments in Canada's success;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians calls upon the Government of Canada to ensure the continuation of federally funded language training at all levels, including advanced levels (LINC 5 and above), so that newcomers have equitable opportunities to achieve their full potential;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC advocate for sustainable funding for Ukrainian community organizations delivering settlement services and comprehensive language training programs.

18. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMERS

WHEREAS many newcomers to Canada – both adults and children – have experienced the trauma of departing from Ukraine and face significant challenges in adjusting to life in a new country;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC support the development and implementation of mental health programs and workshops that would address these challenges.

UKRAINIAN EDUCATION IN CANADA

19. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN SCHOOLS - I

WHEREAS there has been a significant increase in the number of Ukrainian students who arrived in Canada because of Russia's war against Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to advocate for an increase in the number of Ukrainian school programs across Canada with the goal of developing education programs to support the adaptation of Ukrainian children in Canada.

20. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN SCHOOLS - II

WHEREAS there has been a significant increase in the number of Ukrainian students who arrived in Canada because of Russia's war against Ukraine and new challenges and opportunities have arisen;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC support the work of the Ukrainian Language Education Centre (ULEC) in developing and implementing an action plan to address new realities in Ukrainian education in Canada.

21. EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND TEACHER TRAINING FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

WHEREAS students have diverse educational backgrounds, learning levels, and needs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC support the development of new educational resources designed to meet the needs of diverse learners.

22. EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has officially acknowledged Ukrainian schools in the diaspora and has granted permission for these schools to offer a Ukrainian component to students pursuing certificates recognized in Ukraine and;

WHEREAS the Ministry's recognition opens new opportunities for collaboration and alignment between Ukrainian schools abroad and the educational standards of Ukraine and;

WHEREAS there will be forthcoming opportunities for teachers in the diaspora to obtain accreditation through the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Educational Ukrainian Committee establish a Subcommittee on Accreditation and Professional Development;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Subcommittee shall be responsible for:

- Overseeing and facilitating the process of accreditation for Ukrainian-Canadian teachers in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine;
- Organizing and delivering professional development programs, workshops, and information sessions for Ukrainian teachers in Canada; and
- Strengthening cooperation between Ukrainian educational institutions in the diaspora and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to ensure consistent quality and recognition of Ukrainian education abroad.

23. UKRAINIAN STUDIES

WHEREAS the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine and Ukrainians continues and there is an urgent need for accurate academic information about Ukraine and Ukrainians;

AND WHEREAS Russian imperialist narratives continue to exist in academia;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC support academic and non-academic initiatives to further entrench Ukrainian studies in Canada and eliminate russo-centrism and Russian colonialist narratives in Canadian universities and colleges.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

24. CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR MULTICULTURALISM

WHEREAS the policy of Multiculturalism formally recognizes Canada's ethnocultural diversity as a source of national strength and commits the federal government to supporting the cultural development and full participation of all communities in Canadian life; and

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian community, under the leadership of Senator Paul Yuzyk, played a central role in advocating for multiculturalism, having long fought for recognition, equitable access to institutions, and the preservation of cultural identity;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UCC continue to advocate for sustained federal and provincial commitment to multicultural programming, language preservation, and cultural institutions as integral components of Canadian society.

25. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN CREDIT UNIONS IN CANADA

WHEREAS Ukrainian credit unions in Canada have served as economic engines of the Ukrainian Canadian community for many decades to support Ukrainian organizations, enhance cultural, educational, and community life, and facilitate the realization of local, national, and international projects in the best interests of Ukrainian people;

AND WHEREAS Ukrainian credit unions in Canada have provided millions of dollars in donations and sponsorships to various Ukrainian initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the UCC recognizes the Ukrainian Canadian credit union network as a systemically important player in the community and the need to strengthen and grow this network so it can continue to serve the needs of the community, including the high number of individuals displaced to Canada by Russia's war against Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC shall support the efforts of the *Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada* and its member cooperative financial institutions to engage the broader Ukrainian Canadian community to be active members of Ukrainian credit unions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC encourages its member organizations and their individual members, its major donors and benefactors, and Ukrainian churches to substantially increase their business dealings with Ukrainian credit unions in Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC work with the *Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada* to evaluate growth potential for the establishment of new Ukrainian credit unions across Canada or explore the expansion of existing ones across the country.

26. CANADA-UKRAINE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF) emerged from a resolution at the Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in 1995 (Winnipeg);

WHEREAS thanks to CUF's positive track record and reputation of delivering humanitarian aid to Ukraine for almost three decades, in January 2022 UCC and CUF launched what became the largest single fundraising initiative in the history of the Ukrainian Canadian community, the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC and its provincial and local branches and member organizations continue to support CUF in its work to coordinate, develop organize and deliver humanitarian aid to Ukraine and continue to advocate for support from the people and various levels of government of Canada.

27. FUNDRAISING

WHEREAS Fundraising is a critically vital capability in all our community organizations, and requires particular knowledge and skills:

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC develop and deliver regular skill-development workshops and seminars around fundraising, grant writing and other relevant financial topics;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC continue to provide guidance connecting community organizations with fundraising professionals.

28. LEADERSHIP I

WHEREAS there is a need to continue to build and support our community;

WHEREAS the Ukrainian community is growing across Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue efforts to engage new volunteers in the Ukrainian Canadian community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC continue to offer workshops to support the community on effective volunteerism and volunteer motivation, mentorship, leadership skill development, succession planning, and organizational sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC continue to support community development by promoting information and knowledge sharing and serving as a forum for engaging new organizations and individuals in Ukrainian life in Canada.

29. LEADERSHIP II

WHEREAS active citizen involvement is of significant importance to the UCC;

WHEREAS it is a key priority of the UCC to engage youth to take part in the activities of UCC;

WHEREAS in order to engage youth the UCC established the UCC parliamentary internship program and Youth Ambassadors program;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC call on UCC member organizations to encourage young people to apply for UCC's parliamentary internship program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC maintain a national strategy in engaging youth in all aspects of our community.

30. ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND COMPREHENSIVE GOVERNANCE REVIEW

WHEREAS the bylaws and governance framework of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) have not undergone a comprehensive review in recent years to reflect current realities;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of the UCC Foundation introduces new structural considerations regarding governance alignment, accountability, roles and responsibilities, and financial stewardship between the UCC and the UCC Foundation;

AND WHEREAS modernization of the UCC governance structure is necessary to support effective implementation of the UCC's mandate to serve and represent the Ukrainian Canadian community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Governance Committee of the UCC National Board of Directors be re-established for the 2025-28 Triennium;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UCC National Board of Directors establish the terms of reference and mandate of the Governance Committee to conduct a comprehensive Governance Review of the UCC and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on necessary changes.

31. FOSTERING DIVERSITY

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian community encompasses a wide variety of individuals and groups with diverse identities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC continue to foster an environment where all feel welcomed, valued, respected and have access to equal opportunity, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, age, gender identity or gender expression, marital status, national origin, or disability;

32. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURE

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian community is large and diverse and Ukrainian Canadian culture reflects that diversity and many cultural activities take place across the country;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UCC, provincial councils and local branches strive to be inclusive of newcomer and cultural groups that are not yet members of UCC, provincial councils, local branches;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC explore the feasibility of a study of the evolving needs of the Ukrainian-Canadian cultural community and identify ways in which these organizations can be further supported through development of best practices, coordination and information sharing.

33. UCC AWARD RECOGNIZING SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

WHEREAS Russia launched a war of aggression against Ukraine in February 2014 and;

WHEREAS Russia launched a full scale, genocidal invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022 and;

WHEREAS Members and organizations of the Ukrainian Canadian community and Canadian society strongly support Ukraine's courageous battle to defend its country, its territorial integrity and the freedom of other democratic nations and;

WHEREAS Members and organizations of the Ukrainian Canadian community and Canadian society have undertaken a multitude of efforts to deliver financial, humanitarian and other support to Ukraine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress establish a medal or award to recognize the significant contribution that civilian Canadians and organizations have made in support of Ukraine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress establish a Working Group or Committee that will define the Terms of Reference, Name and other necessary parameters of this recognition.