



May 28, 2021

The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan
Minister of National Defense
101 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0K2

Dear Minister Sajjan:

Re: Strengthening Canadian Support for Ukraine

In recent months Ukraine has continued to see escalations of attacks at the frontlines by Russia. This increase in attacks has risen serious concern over a possible Russian invasion.

Russia has egregiously violated the human rights of Ukrainian citizens living under Russian occupation, has carried out campaigns of intimidation and pressure against the Ukrainian national minority that lives in Russia, and illegally detained prisoners in the Russian-occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

SUSK is writing to you to ensure the Canadian Government:

1. Strengthens sectoral sanctions against Russia, including removal of Russia from the SWIFT international payments system and sanctions on Russia's sovereign debt;
2. Ensure that the Nord Stream II pipeline is not completed. As Russia is currently dependent on Ukrainian pipelines to export its natural gas into the EU, completion of this pipeline will remove a key deterrent to further Russian invasion;
3. Provide Ukraine with defensive weapons and increase Ukraine's air and naval defence capacities in the Black Sea and Azov Sea;
4. Work with NATO allies to increase air and naval presence and patrols in the Black Sea and Azov Sea;
5. Increase the provision of real-time satellite imagery and intelligence to Ukraine on Russian military movements and possible false flag operations designed to provoke or legitimize an invasion by Russia.

To read the full briefing note provided to the Honourable Marc Garneau, visit ucc.ca

Regards,

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Roman Grod
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