

**Resolutions
of the Ukrainian World Congress Annual General Meeting
25-27 August 2016, Kyiv**

1. The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) calls upon His All-Holiness Bartholomew I, Archbishop of Constantinople – New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch to issue a Tomos of Autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyiv Patriarchate.
2. The UWC AGM calls for recognition of the Patriarchal status of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.
3. The UWC AGM calls upon the entire Ukrainian diaspora to focus primary attention on the strengthening of support for Ukraine by the international community and furthering the following priority issues:
 - a) the defence of the independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine in conjunction with the hybrid war of the Russian Federation, specifically:
 - providing Ukraine with military aid to stop Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine and increasing the pressure on the Russian Federation for its de-occupation of Crimea;
 - extending and strengthening targeted economic sanctions against the Russian Federation until it fully complies with the Minsk agreements and de-occupies Crimea; and
 - deploying in Eastern Ukraine a police mission of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to enhance respect for the Minsk agreements by the Russian Federation;
 - b) the defence of human rights and national freedoms of Ukrainians and Crimean Tatars, specifically:
 - monitoring by high-level international institutions of violations by the Russian Federation of human rights and national freedoms of Ukrainians and Crimean Tatars in illegally occupied Crimea and on territories in Eastern Ukraine under the control of the Russian Federation; and
 - overseeing by high-level international institutions of the judicial proceedings of Ukrainian political prisoners unlawfully detained by Russian governing authorities and ensuring their release;
 - c) providing Ukraine with assistance to overcome the consequences of Russian aggression and enhance further reforms, specifically:
 - providing Ukraine with a financial assistance package to overcome the consequences of Russian aggression and to address economic, security and humanitarian needs; and
 - providing Ukraine with all-round humanitarian aid;

- d) support for Ukraine's Euro-integration, specifically:
 - the full ratification by the European Union of the *EU-Ukraine Association Agreement*;
 - implementation of a visa-free regime for Ukrainian citizens travelling to EU member states of the Schengen Area; and
 - recognition and broad support of the international community for reforms in Ukraine;
- e) support for Ukraine's participation in the collective system of security as a step toward full membership in NATO;
- f) presenting the positive image of Ukraine by broadly disseminating information in all walks of life, particularly via mass media, about the new, democratic, reform-minded, European Ukraine; and
- g) countering the Russian disinformation campaign, specifically:
 - sharing with the world facts about the imperialistic actions of the Russian Federation in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine;
 - supporting the work of East Stratcom and the implementation of the Action Plan on Strategic Communication of the European External Action Service; and
 - presenting the international community with factual information on significant events in the history of Ukraine, particularly on the Holodomor of 1932-33, the Chernobyl nuclear tragedy and the Revolution of Dignity.

4. The UWC AGM calls upon:

- a) the Polish and Ukrainian nations to resolve historical issues concerning relations between Poland and Ukraine through education and reconciliation; and
- b) the Polish people to continue supporting the Ukrainian people in their difficult struggle to defend the territorial integrity of Ukraine and stop Russian aggression from advancing further West.

5. The UWC AGM calls for the:

- a) promotion of Ukraine's economic development by encouraging foreign investment and the export of Ukrainian goods and services abroad;
- b) creation of a UWC Committee in Support of Ukraine's Economic Development; and
- c) encouragement for the establishment of Ukrainian bilateral chambers of commerce in countries of the Ukrainian diaspora.

6. The UWC AGM calls to:

- a) celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UWC in all countries of the Ukrainian diaspora bringing together UWC member organizations and Ukrainian communities worldwide, and the international community; and
- b) actively share information about the achievements of the UWC throughout its 50 years, particularly material prepared by the Lviv Polytechnic National University's International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations, throughout the diaspora and Ukraine.

The UWC is the international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the diaspora representing the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians. The UWC has a network of member organizations and ties with Ukrainians in 50 countries. Founded in 1967, the UWC was recognized in 2003 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council as a non-governmental organization with special consultative status.

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