

UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UWC



Dear Friends

Three years into the full-scale war and eleven since Russia first launched its invasion of Ukraine, we have all witnessed the true power of unity. Today, over 25 million Ukrainians live outside of Ukraine. Our global community is larger than it has ever been in history. At this pivotal time, it is more important than ever to preserve our Ukrainian identity and strengthen our community worldwide. We discussed this with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Chernivtsi, where he acknowledged the UWC and expressed gratitude for our support of the Ukraine's Armed Forces, and for our advocacy and educational efforts.

At the Summit of the Ukrainian World Congress in Bucharest, we created our organization's Roadmap and defined strategic priorities: Ukraine's victory, rebuild and strengthening of Ukrainian communities and institutions worldwide.

We also mourn the loss of our dear friend, the leader and visionary, the First Vice President of the UWC Stefan Romaniw. His contributions to the global Ukrainian community are immeasurable. In his memory, we are initiating a project to support Ukrainian youth.

An important step forward was a launch of the ongoing campaign #UkraineInNATO.
We have mobilized Ukrainian communities across 32 NATO member states for both high-level and grassroots advocacy, continuing to urge NATO leaders to start accession talks with Ukraine.

Some of our notable milestones included advocacy efforts in South America and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Cultural Society "Prosvita" in Argentina,

one of our most esteemed global organizations.

Preserving and developing Ukrainian institutions worldwide remains a core objective. Since 2022, 600,000 school-age children have relocated abroad, yet only half are enrolled in Ukrainian schools. Without schooling and community interaction, these children risk losing their language and Ukrainian identity, potentially leading to a lost generation. To address this, we are bolstering the UWC's IECC and enhancing our global Ukrainian education.

Every year, our collaboration with the Ukrainian state intensifies in the area of multiple citizenship. Establishing a robust multiple citizenship system will help prevent the assimilation of Ukrainians and foster new ways for Ukrainians abroad to engage in the life of Ukraine and its society.

In August, I visited the areas near the front in Donetsk and Kharkiv regions, where I personally witnessed the devastating effects of Russian brutality — Ukrainian cities turned to ash and mass graves. I also observed the remarkable courage, heroism, and unwavering commitment of the Ukrainian defenders. I also observed the remarkable courage, heroism and unwavering commitment of the Ukrainian defenders.

Anyone can contribute to the UWC's efforts. Visit unitewithukraine.com and make your contribution today.

Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the heroes!

Paul Grod
President of the Ukrainian
World Congress

UNITED WITH UKRAINE UNTIL VICTORY!

Engagement with Ukrainian state institutions and civil society

The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) has significantly enhanced its cooperation with Ukrainian authorities, civic institutions, international partners, and the broader Ukrainian community. This is an outcome of the daily efforts of the UWC Mission in Ukraine led by Andriy Shevchenko.

On April 12, 2024, the delegation of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) led by the UWC President Paul Grod held an official meeting with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy. UWC and the Office of the President of Ukraine agreed upon the key priorities and plans of cooperation.



The meeting focused mainly on promoting President Zelenskyy's Peace Formula, and Ukraine's accession to NATO and the European Union. Discussions also covered the Ukrainian diaspora's role in securing Ukraine's victory and post-war rebuild, as well as a strong Ukrainian community worldwide.

On the same day, the UWC President addressed the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. The Presidenr of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, accompanied by the government and military officials, attended the event that drew nearly 80 leaders from various Ukrainian cities, towns and villages. Leaders of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) routinely hold meetings with the government officials, ministry heads and civic leaders during visits to Ukraine.

In November 2023, the UWC Mission in Ukraine organized a series of important meetings for the Executive delegation comprising the UWC President Paul Grod, Stefan Romaniw, the First Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress and Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO), Andriy Futey, the UWC Vice President and the President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA),



Mykola-Myroslav Petretskyi, the UWC Vice President for Eastern Europe and the President of the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania (UUR), Roman Mykytenko, the UWC Vice President for Northern Europe, and Roman Grod, the President of the World Congress of Ukrainian Students. The official visit provided an excellent opportunity to introduce the newly elected UWC leadership to the highest levels of Ukraine's political and military leaders. Key topics of the meetings included multiple citizenship,



the development of strong Ukrainian communities, the preservation of the memory of the Holodomor genocide, cooperation between the Ukrainian authorities and the UWC in projects to assist Ukraine's Armed Forces, the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine, and the education of Ukrainian children outside of Ukraine.

UNITED WITH UKRAINE UNTIL VICTORY!



In early September 2024, Ukraine experienced its largest reshuffle of the Cabinet of Ministers since the full-scale Russian invasion began. The UWC President met with seven of the newly appointed ministers, including the Foreign Affairs Minister Andrii Sybiha, the Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications Mykola Tochytskyi, and the Minister of Justice Olha Stefanishyna.



The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) and its Mission in Ukraine consistently focus on legislative initiatives regarding multiple citizenship. The UWC views multiple citizenship as a tool that will re-engage Ukrainians abroad in Ukrainian life and society, allowing them to fully participate in Ukraine's economic, political, and civic rebuilding and development.

In September 2024, UWC hosted a discussion titled "Exploring Multiple Citizenship: Opportunities and Risks," bringing together representatives from various political forces in Ukraine.



Enhanced cooperation with the community of Ukrainian volunteers marks another achievement this year. In 2024, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) partnered with significant initiatives such



as the Serhiy Prytula Charity Foundation, supported the "Mobile Office" program in partnership with the Veteran Hub for the adaptation and reintegration of veterans and participated in the public discussions like the "United for Victory" Forum of Community Leaders, which brought together volunteers and activists from across Ukraine.



UNITE WITH UKRAINE

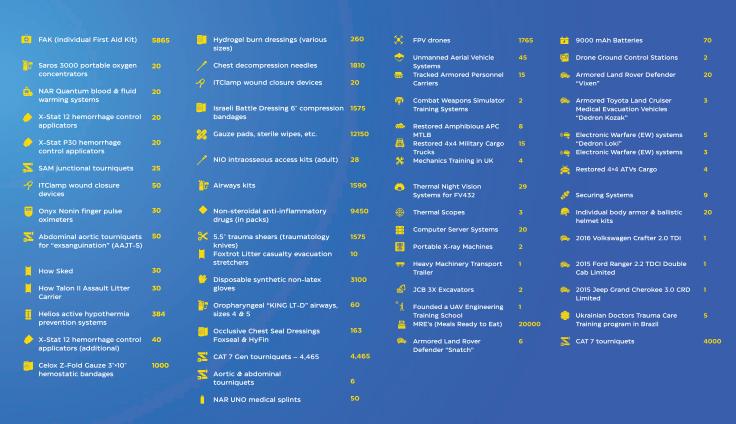
UWC'S MAIN INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

Ukraine faced yet another challenging year in its defense against Russian occupation and genocide. However, the bravest and best sons and daughters of the country stood firm in their fight against the aggressors throughout 2023-2024.

The "Unite with Ukraine" initiative of the Ukrainian World Congress continues to deliver critical tactical medical supplies, armored vehicles, UAV complexes, FPV drones, reconnaissance systems, and other essential equipment to support Ukraine's defenders.

Since February 2022, the UWC's "Unite with Ukraine" initiative has raised over \$60 million from donors across more than 70 countries to support the Territorial Defense Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other Ukrainian defense and security structures.

October 2023 – October 2024 Tactical Medical Support October 2023 – October 2024 Aid Provided



The Ukrainian World Congress extends its heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and supporters, regardless of the amount they contributed. Every donation plays a vital role in supporting Ukraine's defenders.

Funds Raised: \$8,887,735.91 USD / 365,826,320.24 UAH
Funds Spent: \$8,174,778.38 USD / 336,480,417.94 UAH
Remaining Funds (Contracted): \$712,957.53 USD / 29,345,902.30 UAH
Number of Individual Donors: 5,597

UNITE WITH UKRAINE HIGHLIGHTS



A group of Ukrainian doctors underwent training at the top clinic in Latin America. The medical professionals traveled to São Paulo, Brazil, to enhance their skills in trauma care at the Albert Einstein Clinic.



The Ukrainian World Congress's "Unite with Ukraine" initiative successfully delivered 15 "Avenger" UAV complexes to five territorial defense force battalions on the eastern and southern fronts. These drones were produced in Ukraine.



UWC President Paul Grod met with General Valerii Zaluzhnyi, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. General Zaluzhnyi expressed gratitude to UWC for being one of the largest non-governmental suppliers of armored vehicles to Ukraine and acknowledged the invaluable support of the Ukrainian diaspora.



"Santa's Birds" fundraising campaign collected \$519,095 USD (19,697,324 UAH) to support Ukrainian defenders. These funds were used to procure 1,000 FPV drones.



UWC and Serhiy Prytula Charity Foundation, in cooperation with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, conducted a nine-day charity tour "Invincible When United" across eastern Canada and the United States.

Total funds raised: \$1,192,283.19 USD (45,733,916 UAH), used to purchase and deliver more than 20 Land Rover Snatch armored vehicles for demining operations.



UNITE WITH UKRAINE HIGHLIGHTS



One of the Spartan tracked armored personnel carriers, provided to Ukrainian defenders by UWC's "Unite with Ukraine" initiative, withstood a Russian Lancet drone attack. The incident occurred in the Donetsk region of Eastern Ukraine.



The Ukrainian World Congress successfully procured and delivered 900 FPV drones to seven brigades of the Ukrainian Armed Forces as part of its "Unite with Ukraine" initiative. These FPV drones were funded by the "Santa's Birds" fundraising campaign.



UWC delivered an additional 18 long-range Avenger UAV systems to three units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Total value of the equipment: \$263,400 USD (10.1 million UAH).



The UWC's and Saint Javelin's joint fundraising campaign "Birds of Freedom" raised \$223,016.12 USD (9.25 million UAH) in support of Ukrainian defenders. These funds were used to procure approximately 446 FPV drones.



The UWC delivered nine VALK-1 Halka UAVs and nine VTOL UAVTEK "Babka" systems to the Ukrainian Defense Forces as part of its "Unite with Ukraine" initiative.

Total value of the equipment: \$555,275.50 USD (23 million UAH).

UNITE WITH UKRAINE HIGHLIGHTS



UWC President Paul Grod visited Ukraine from September 9 to 14. The trip focused on providing aid to the military and meeting with key members of Ukraine's defense force leadership, including:

Major General Ihor Plakhuta, Commander of Territorial Defense Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Lieutenant General Oleksandr Pavliuk, Commander of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Lieutenant General Kyrylo Budanov, Chief of the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine.



UWC President Paul Grod conducted a working trip to the front-line areas of Donetsk and Kharkiv regions. During his visit, he handed over a fully equipped Mercedes Benz Sprinter ambulance designed for evacuating wounded soldiers.



Additionally, President Grod delivered another 100 FPV drones to the commander of the 109th Territorial Defense Brigade. This assistance is part of a larger package, including 30 tracked armored personnel carriers, six long-range Avenger missile systems, and hundreds of FPV drones.



Since February 2022, the UWC's "Unite with Ukraine" initiative has raised over \$59.5 million from donors across more than 70 countries to support the following:

Territorial Defense Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Special Operations Forces, National Guard of Ukraine, Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, National Police of Ukraine, Brigades of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, State Emergency Service of Ukraine, State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, International Center for Peacekeeping and Security in Yavoriv, General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and other Ukrainian security structures

February 2022 - October 2024

Armored and all-wheel-drive vehicles



73Restored 4x4
Military Cargo
Trucks



Tracked Armored
Personnel Carriers



32 4x4 Vehicles



20 JCB Excavator



6x4 Lorry Truck



Restored Amphibious APC MT-LB



29 Wheeled Armored Personnel Carriers



Refrigerato

Drones and UAVs



194 Long Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems



2215
EPV Drones



Founded a UAV Engineering Training School



9 Electronic Warfare Systems

High-quality tactical medicine



100 100 Israeli Battle Bandages



57 285CAT Tourniquets



15 775 Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs)



10 500 Nasopharyngea Airway Kits



1710 Hypothermia Prevention Systems



1 050 Occlusive Chest Seal Dressings



700 Combat Paramedic



SAROS Oxygen Generator Field Portable Systems

system

Individual protective



15 660 Sets of Body Armor



9 110 Ballistic Helmets



2 000 Gas Masks

Winter gear



204
Thermal Sleep
Systems



21 276
Thermal Winter
Tactical Boots



10 580 Thermal Winter Base Layers

Other



100 000 Litres of Fuel



558 3kW – 8 kW Diesel Generators



24 150 Kw Diesel Generators



8 000 Shovels



12 Battery Generator Portable Power Stations

40 Tons
Civilian Humanitarian



4 397
UHF/VHF Radios & Other Comms
Equipment



89 Night/Thermal Vision Systems



2 Combat Weapons Simulator Training Systems



2 000 Wood Burning Stoves



50 GPS tracker



500 Kw Diesel Generators



20 000 Meals Ready to Eat (MRE)



66,000 MAH Batteries



BUILDING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Global Peace Summit. At the request of the President Zelenskyy to support Ukraine ahead of the critically important Global Peace Summit (June 15-16, Switzerland), the UWC launched a global advocacy campaign in May.

The campaign's special objective was to invite Latin American countries to participate in the Summit. Templates for advocacy letters, used by our communities, and informational materials about the importance of participating in this event were developed. During the Peace Summit, the UWC hosted a separate side even attended by leaders of the participating countries and members of the government delegations.

In June 2024, working at the Global Peace Summit in Switzerland, the Ukrainian World Congress and the Ukrainian Society of Switzerland organized the Ukrainian Forum.



The UWC President Paul Grod called on the participants of the Global Peace Summit to exert all possible efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace for Ukraine.

"We hold the deep conviction that peace must be based on international law, including the Charter of the United Nations," states the Lucerne Declaration for a Comprehensive, Just, and Lasting Peace for Ukraine, which was signed by over 200 civil society organizations and political figures during the Ukrainian Forum in Switzerland.

The UWC President also spoke at a public event initiated by Ukrainians in Switzerland aimed at drawing attention to Ukrainians currently held captive in Russia and the temporarily occupied territories.



The World Congress of the Anti-Imperialist Block of Nations (ABN). Stefan Romaniw, the UWC First Vice President, coordinated efforts to establish cooperation between the global Ukrainian community and associations of nations subjugated by Russia.

On June 21-22, 2024, Stefan Romaniw attended the first World Congress of the Anti-Imperialist Block of Nations (ABN) in Kaunas, Lithuania. The event brought together delegates from national liberation movements of peoples oppressed by Russia, along with the leaders of the anti-imperialist front from various countries. This Congress has started a new chapter for the Anti-Imperialist Block as an alliance capable of supporting the liberation struggles of nations oppressed by Moscow, both in Ukraine and globally.



Ukraine in NATO. In June 2024, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) launched an ongoing campaign #UkrainelnNATO to engage Ukrainian communities in 32 NATO member countries in high-level and grassroots advocacy to promote Ukraine's NATO membership.

SECURING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

A Working Group was established and engaged in the campaign, consisting of the active community representatives from these 32 countries. This group developed an Action Plan for events leading up to the 75th Anniversary NATO Summit in Washington, D.C. To enhance advocacy efforts in the NATO member countries, a series of informational materials was prepared: letters to the governments of the NATO member states; media appeals, talking points for conferences and round tables, Q&A about Ukraine's NATO accession; and analytical and visual materials.

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On July 6-7, prior to the start of the NATO Summit, Ukrainian communities demonstrated unity by holding street actions and rallies in many cities and capitals of the NATO member states. The largest events took place in Washington, D.C., Toronto, Ottawa, Paris, Chicago, Melbourne, Jersey, Madrid, Edmonton, Odense (Denmark), Cologne, Bilbao, and London (Canada).

From July 8 to 12, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) delegation worked in Washington, D.C. at the NATO Summit week, participating in the events featuring the Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska, General Ben Hodges, opinion leaders, and other advocacy organizations.

The UWC delegation particularly participated in the "Stronger Together" Education and Science Conference at the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS) attended by the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska. The event highlighted UWC's role in promoting Ukrainian studies at the leading U.S. universities.

Marta Farion, the UWC Vice President for North America, spoke at the Captive Nations Summit, hosted by the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.



On July 12, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) held a "Beyond the Summit: Outcomes and the path forward to Ukraine's NATO membership" event at the NATO Summit co-organized with the Atlantic Council.

Crimea Platform. In September, the UWC President Paul Grod participated in the Fourth Summit of the International Crimea Platform — a key event for discussing the pathways for the de-occupation of Crimea and restoring Ukraine's territorial integrity. During the Summit, Paul Grod held significant meetings with the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and the UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy. UWC President thanked the high-ranking officials for their consistent support of Ukraine, emphasized the importance of allowing Ukraine to use long-range weapons to strike deep into the territory of the Russian Federation, and called for continued steadfast support for the Ukrainian people in their fight against Russian aggression.



SECURING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



YES-2024 Conference. Ukraine has significantly enhanced the capabilities of its military-industrial complex and is ready to produce high-quality drones and other equipment. However, it requires funding, a conclusion the UWC President Paul Grod brought back to the international partners from the Yalta European Strategy (YES) conference held in Kyiv in September.

Ukraine Action Summit. At the end of September, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) President Paul Grod addressed the fifth Ukraine Action Summit held by the American Coalition for Ukraine in Washington, D.C. Over 500 participants from 47 U.S. states assembled at the Summit in Washington to support Ukraine. In his speech, the UWC President Grod emphasized the need for collective efforts to support Ukraine during this challenging historical moments.



GLOBAL UWC ADVOCACY MISSIONS

2024 marked a significant increase in the UWC's advocacy capabilities. The UWC delegation led by Paul Grod made several official visits to countries in Southern, Western, and Eastern Europe, as well as to South America.

In March 2024, Paul Grod visited Spain and Portugal. The advocacy mission aimed to garner support for Ukraine from European Parliament Members, particularly for its strategic course towards EU accession, to discuss the enforcement of the European Parliament's resolutions and sanctions against Russia, and to tackle the immediate challenges Europe faces due to Russian disinformation and hybrid aggression.

In Barcelona, Paul Grod met with Sergi Barrera, the Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Barcelona, and Manuel Szapiro, the Director of the Representative Office of the European Commission in Barcelona. In Madrid, the UWC President had a productive meeting with Leopoldo López Gil, the Spain's MEP, at the Representative Office of the European Commission in Madrid.



The UWC delegation discussed military support for Ukraine at the meeting with the Spain's Director General of Defence Policy, Lieutenant General Fernando López del Pozo, at the Spain's Ministry of Defense.



The UWC President met with the Government of Catalonia representative Mireya Mata Solsona, the Director General of the Department of Equality and Feminisms of the Catalan Government. Paul Grod expressed appreciation for the support of the Ukrainian women and their children forced to seek refuge in Catalonia while fleeing Russian missile strikes.

In April, the UWC President held a high-level meeting with the Prime Minister of Romania Marcel Ciolacu focused on advocating for Ukraine's accession to NATO and the European Union.



The Ukrainian World Congress delegation, including Stefan Romaniw, the UWC First Vice President and Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO); Jaroszlava Hartyányi, the UWC Second Vice President; and Mykola-Myroslav Petretskyi, the UWC Vice President for Eastern Europe and Head of the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania, also addressed the issue of supporting Ukrainians forced to seek refuge in Romania while fleeing Russia's genocidal war.

Also in April, the UWC President Paul Grod discussed Ukraine's path to NATO and the European Union with Adam Szłapka, the Poland's Minister for European Affairs. The parties also discussed Poland's aid to Ukraine in its European integration efforts. Grod expressed his gratitude to the Polish government for its support of Kyiv.



GLOBAL UWC ADVOCACY MISSIONS

In May 2024, Paul Grod paid an advocacy visit to the United Kingdom, meeting with high-ranking officials, diplomats and the Ukrainian community to discuss critical support for Ukraine. Paul Grod had a meeting with Stephen Doughty, the UK Shadow Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories, and Member of the UK Parliament.



Anna Dezyk, the Deputy Chair of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain for services to Ukrainian refugees, was also present.

Mr. Doughty, a long-time friend of Ukraine who visited the country during the war, reiterated the UK Parliament's bipartisan support for Ukraine and its path towards NATO membership.

In June, the UWC delegation traditionally participated on the sidelines of the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin. The primary focus was on engaging the Ukrainian diaspora in Ukraine's recovery efforts and preparing for the next Ukraine Recovery Conference, scheduled to take place in Italy in 2025. The UWC President Paul Grod discussed these initiatives with Antonio Tajani, the Deputy Prime Minister of Italy and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



In August, the UWC President conducted an advocacy mission to South America to raise

awareness about Ukraine's ongoing battle for independence amid Russia's ongoing genocidal war.



In Buenos Aires, Argentina, the UWC delegation held a high-level meeting with Guillermo Francos, the Argentina's Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers. Paul Grod emphasized the importance of Argentina's continued endorsement of the Peace Formula proposed by the President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Accompanying Paul Grod were the UWC Third Vice President Andriy Futey, Jorge Danylyshyn, the UWC Vice President for South America and the President of the "Prosvita" Society in Argentina; Dr. Pedro Lyvyk, the President of the Ukrainian Central Representation in Argentina; and María Zinko, the Vice President of the Ukrainian Central Representation in Argentina.



An important part of the advocacy work was the official meeting of the UWC delegation with the leaders and members of the newly formed Argentina-Ukraine parliamentary friendship group. There was an unanimous statement from the members of the parliamentary friendship group to reaffirm their firm support for Ukraine. A significant advancement was the UWC delegation's participation in the plenary session of the Brazil's Federal Senate. Senator Flávio Arns, the Chair of the Brazil-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group, officially introduced the UWC delegation and the Ukrainian-Brazilian Central Representation (UBCR) at the plenary session of the Senate.

GLOBAL UWC ADVOCACY MISSIONS



"We are obliged to support Brazil's position against the invasion ratified by the UN 23 years ago, and call for Russian troops to withdraw from Ukraine," said the senator Flávio Arns.



During his visit to South America, the UWC President held an important discussion with Ibrahim Abdul Hak Neto, the President Lula's Chief Advisor on Ukraine and Europe. In a closed-door meeting, Paul Grod discussed the ways to attract and increase the international support for Ukraine with Mauro Vieira, the Brazil's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

GLOBAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS



February 24 - StandWithUkraine!

UWC organized a record-breaking campaign on the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24. A total of 1,023 events in support of Ukraine were held in 746 cities across 69 countries on six continents, including Antarctica.



In collaboration with the "Ukrainska Pravda" online publication company, the Ukrainian World Congress created an interactive world map highlighting the countries, cities, and locations of

events held on February 24, 2024. These events garnered widespread media attention and received support from politicians at the highest levels. In Prague, the Czech President Petr Pavel inaugurated a large pro-Ukrainian rally; in Brussels, the European Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders joined the peaceful rally. During a rally in Copenhagen, the Denmark's Minister of Defense Troels Lund Poulsen announced that the first F-16 fighter jets would be delivered to Ukraine in the months to follow.



"Defend Ukrainian skies – save Ukrainian children!"

On June 1, marking the International Day for the Protection of Children, the Ukrainian World Congress appealed to the governments of the democratic countries worldwide to urgently provide Ukraine with the air and missile defense systems. Rallies, flash mobs and other activities took place in Australia, the United States, France, Hungary, Germany, Estonia, Spain, Finland, Denmark, New Zealand, Azerbaijan, and other countries.



GLOBAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

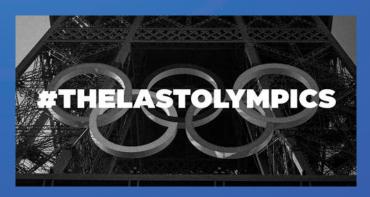
Make NATO Stronger - Invite Ukraine.

On July 9-10, in collaboration with the partner organizations in Washington, D.C., the UWC organized a campaign under the slogan "Make NATO Stronger – Invite Ukraine." The two-day event unfolded along the main route used by country leaders arriving for the NATO Summit. The #UkraineInNATO campaign garnered extensive media coverage from prominent outlets such as the Associated Press, Fox News, TRT, The Guardian, Euronews, the Washington Times, Ukrinform, and "United News" TV marathon, with several live segments on "Summing up with Dmytro Anopchenko," Suspilne Television, Toronto Star, and others.



The Will to Win – Partnership with Ukraine at the 2024 Olympics

In July, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) and the Ukrainian-American Coordinating Council (UACC) partnered with the Ukrainian government for The Will to Win - a key informational campaign ahead of the 2024 Summer Olympics. The UWC supported a photo exhibition dedicated to the resilience and determination of the Ukrainian athletes that opened in Kyiv. A virtual version of The Will to Win was displayed in Paris at the Ukrainian cultural hub, Volia Space, during the Olympics.



In Paris, the Association of Ukrainians in France brought together 1,000 people for a peaceful march remembering 488 Ukrainian athletes who perished during the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Participants wore shirts with the names of the fallen Ukrainian athletes. Leading global media outlets, including AP, ABC News, Independent, ESPN, and many others, covered this event.



To draw global attention to Russian aggression and prevent history from repeating itself — like the suspension of the Olympics during World War II — the UWC team produced a video with athletes from five countries. This video was shown in Paris and featured in a virtual campaign that included Star Wars' Ivanna Sakhno. Ivanna supported Ukrainian athletes by sharing the video on her Instagram, attracting 233,000 views. The campaign, supported by platforms like UNITED24 and Saint Javelin, reached over a million social media users globally.



GLOBAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

Global advocacy campaign for Ukraine's Independence Day

To mark the 33rd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine, the UWC organized the StandWithUkraine campaign to demonstrate Ukrainian unity and remind the world of Ukraine's ongoing fight for democratic values. As part of the initiative, the UWC created an interactive global map where Ukrainian communities could register their events.



Events organized by the Ukrainian communities garnered support from the government officials and city mayors. In Toronto, Chrystia Freeland, the Canada's Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, spoke at the celebration of the Ukraine's 33rd Independence Day. In the United States, New York City Mayor Eric Adams extended his congratulations to Ukrainians, inspiring leaders in many other cities to follow suit.



In Portugal, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Government of Portugal Carlos Amado took part in a pro-Ukrainian rally.





View the 255 registered events held in 32 countries worldwide for Ukraine's Independence Day on the UWC global rally map:

SUPPORTING UKRAINE'S REBUILD

At the end of 2023, the UWC continued its tradition of supporting the Rebuild Ukraine Business Conference dedicated to attracting investments into Ukraine and fostering strong connections between the Canadian and Ukrainian businesses. Business leaders and government representatives met to discuss collaboration opportunities.



Energy equipment for Ukraine:



1,500 solar panels



100 units of high-voltage equipment from the Japanese corporation Hitachi, valued at \$1,000,000



22 high-voltage transformers



15 industrial automatic circuit breakers



3 Hydro Quebec inserts valued at \$498,000



7 specialized trucks for Ukrenergo, worth \$95,000



3 surge arresters worth \$8,500



Hybrid solar systems installed in 4 schools that were damaged by Russian shelling in the Kyiv and Chernihiv regions.



In June, a UWC delegation participated in the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Germany, where Paul Grod spoke at the "Stronger Together: Fostering Resilience and Social Inclusion" panel. UWC President emphasized that the resources of the global Ukrainian community are crucial for Ukraine's rapid post-war rebuild. The UWC's Energize Ukraine project was also presented at the conference.



STRENGTHENING THE UWC AND THE GLOBAL UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY

UWC network – operating in 83 countries



Guatemala

Azerbaijan

Jordan Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan UAE Uzbekistan

STRENGTHENING THE UWC AND THE GLOBAL UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY

One of the key objectives established by the XII Congress of the UWC in 2023, and highlighted in the UWC Roadmap at the Bucharest Summit in 2024,

Thanks to our collaborative efforts over the past year, the UWC network has grown significantly, deepening its connections with Ukrainians around the world. By October 2024, we have expanded our network up to 83 countries welcoming new member organizations, communities, and active Ukrainian groups.

The Committee on Membership of the UWC is responsible for the admission of new organizations. We are delighted to share that this year, six organizations have advanced their membership status: two have achieved full membership - North Macedonia's Lesya Ukrainka Ukrainian Community and the Ukrainian Community in Lebanon. Additionally, four organizations have been granted an associate membership — the Ukrainian Community of Thuringia (Germany) the Foundation for the Ukrainian Community of Malta, the Ukrainian Association Dobro Djelo (Montenegro), and the Franko Ukrainian community in Sumgayit (Azerbaijan). We are also pleased to welcome three new organizations as supporting members: the Japanese Ukrainian Culture Association, the Ukrainian Association of Culture, Mutual Aid and Solidarity, Konya (Türkiye), and the Ukrainian Cultural Society in Istanbul. Welcome to the UWC family!

Another notable success this year was the Bucharest Summit, that brought together representatives of the Ukrainian communities from 55 countries and five continents to discuss pressing Ukrainian issues.

This impactful event, held in collaboration with the UWC's long-time member the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania, showcased our strength, emphasized the desire for closer cooperation, and laid the foundation for annual events of this scale.

The efforts to strengthen ties with the global Ukrainian community and amplify our collective influence on governments and civil societies were further supported by the regular travels of the UWC leadership this year. The UWC President, alone or accompanied by other UWC leaders, visited nine countries: Spain, Portugal, Romania, Poland, the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, Argentina, and Brazil. Moreover, other UWC leaders and the regional vice presidents extended these efforts by visiting Ukrainian communities in five additional countries – Latvia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Mexico, and New Zealand.

New opportunities arose from the redistribution of regions and the expansion of the number of the UWC regional vice presidents to ten. Recognizing the need to support Ukrainian war refugees and the growing dynamism of civil movements in Europe, the UWC created five European regions - Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western, and Southeast. An additional region was established on the African continent to ensure a greater focus on local issues and involve more communities. The success of this approach is evident in the growing interest of communities from these regions, as well as from Oceania and Asia, in participating in regular teleconferences on important topics and collaborating on the UWC projects. Individual efforts in each region, exploring new communities for the UWC network (e.g., in the United States, Germany, and Poland), fostering relationships and cooperation, and providing methodological support for developing civic movements when needed have also been crucial.

Regional challenges and solutions are discussed monthly via teleconferences between the UWC President, regional vice presidents, and the team responsible for interacting with the global Ukrainian diaspora.

Other UWC activities also play a key role in bringing communities together under the Congress's umbrella. The UWC Global Rally Committee has successfully engaged our network and many new organizations in global initiatives, with two notable additions from Malta and Montenegro achieving an associate membership this year. Meanwhile, the UWC's International Educational Coordinating Council (IECC) has effectively united Ukrainian educators from across the globe. Additionally, our Communications Team has stayed on top of community activities, ensuring that significant updates about the global Ukrainian diaspora are widely shared.

As is well known, only a few countries have umbrella organizations coordinating most or all Ukrainian communities. In many countries, there are dozens, if not hundreds, of organizations operating independently. This year, following an analysis and presentation of various models for uniting communities (thanks to Stefan Romaniw), UWC focused its efforts on studying civic movements worldwide and providing methodological support for creating coordination platforms. An example is the new interaction group in Germany. Communities can also unite around UWC through our constituent organizations, which help create new chapters or encourage other organizations to join as members. For instance, the Ontario Provincial Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress expanded its network from six to 26 cities between 2021 and 2024, thanks to the organizations newly created by the Ukrainian newcomers.

We would like to express gratitude to all community leaders and the UWC team for your collaboration, which is both fascinating and inspiring.

Yevgeniya Petrova UWC Community Relations Manager

On April 12-15, the Ukrainian World Congress held a Summit in Bucharest, drawing over 200 leaders and representatives from Ukrainian communities across 55 countries and five continents. Held at the Parliament of Romania, the Summit aimed to develop strategies that would enhance support for Ukraine and safeguard its interests amid unparalleled security and existential challenges.



At the UWC Summit, the Ukrainian World Congress urged the global community to intensify efforts for the swift release of the defenders of Mariupol held captive. Additionally, UWC called on Ukrainians residing in the Russian Federation to assist in Ukraine's efforts to defeat Russia. At the UWC Summit, the UWC President Paul Grod made a corresponding appeal, that has been extensively covered by numerous media outlets.



The Summit commenced with a tribute honoring the memory of the fallen Ukrainian defenders. Dignitaries from the Ukrainian and Romanian governments, along with international experts, honorary guests, partners, supporters, and friends of the UWC, attended the opening ceremony. On the opening day of the Summit, the Award Ceremony featuring the St. Volodymyr the Great Medal – the Ukrainian World Congress's most prestigious Award – was held.

The St. Volodymyr the Great Medal is awarded to Ukrainians and friends of Ukraine for exceptional contributions to supporting Ukraine, advancing Ukrainian interests in public and academic spheres, and building Ukrainian civil society worldwide.





View the list of award recipients via QR Code

On April 13, the second day of the Summit kicked off with a panel titled "Unity and Strength of Ukrainian Communities – The Key to Strong Success." Participants discussed how to integrate Ukrainian migrants into communities, strategies for encouraging their return to Ukraine, methods to counteract "Russkiy Mir", and approaches to foster a youth movement within the diaspora. The session was moderated by Jaroszlava Hartyányi, the UWC second Vice President and the President of the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations.





During a session led by Pavlo Sadokha, the UWC Vice President for Southern Europe, participants discussed strategies to combat Russian propaganda and methods to counter the influence of the "Russkiy Mir".



A panel discussion led by Jaroszlava Hartyányi delved into strategies for supporting war refugees, facilitating their integration into local Ukrainian communities, and advocating for policies that encourage their return to Ukraine. "Each day, we need to establish a plan for how we can help and motivate our governments to do the same," emphasized Jaroszlava Hartyányi.



The youth movement in the diaspora has also been discussed at the UWC Summit. President of the National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova Dmitrii Lecartev moderated the discussion.



The second panel discussion on education centered on preserving Ukrainian identity abroad through partnerships with the Ukrainian schools. New educational initiatives aimed at advancing Ukrainian education globally were also presented. The session was moderated by Nataliya Poshyvaylo-Towler the UWC Vice President for Oceania and Asia.



Lyuba Lyubchyk, the Chair of the UWC International Educational Coordinating Council (IECC), led a discussion on strategies for overcoming contemporary challenges. During the session, participants explored various educational practices and initiatives.

Pavlo Sadokha, the UWC Vice President for Southern Europe, moderated a discussion on Ukrainian education, focusing on returning to Ukraine and addressing educational setbacks. Nataliya Poshyvaylo-Towler led another discussion highlighting successful examples of Ukrainian schools abroad, as well as strategies for expanding and integrating students into existing Ukrainian educational institutions.



The "Advocacy in Support of Ukraine" Summit panel explored practical advocacy tools used in various regions worldwide and examined successful advocacy cases across different communities. The sessions highlighted strategies for influencing governments through public actions and media, explored advocacy tools across different regions, and discussed the community's capabilities within a limited advocacy framework.



A session led by Igor Chocholak, head of the Association of Ukrainians in Belgium, focused on

how to influence governments through public actions and the media.



Additionally, Zenon Kowal, a member of the UWC Executive Committee representing the European Congress of Ukrainians, moderated a panel discussing the use of advocacy tools in different regions and the opportunities available to communities within a constrained advocacy environment.

Speakers of the UWC Summit's panel discussion focusing on Ukraine's integration into NATO included Kurt Volker, former U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations; Peter Van Praagh, the President of the Halifax International Security Forum; and Yevhen Perebyinis, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. Paul Grod, the President of the Ukrainian World Congress, moderated the session.





How can the UWC bring Ukraine's victory closer? This question was at the heart of discussions during the UWC Summit held in Bucharest. The Unite With Ukraine initiative, known for its consistent support to Ukraine's defenders, was showcased for its contributions over the past two and a half years.



Andrew Potichnyj, the director of the UWC's Unite with Ukraine initiative, led the discussion on how to assist Ukraine through military support. During the session, Jarema Polatajko, Chief Financial Officer of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO), received an honorary mention for raising funds for 96 FPV drones for the 125th Separate Brigade of the Territorial Defence Forcesof the Armed Forces of Ukraine.





Mykola-Myroslav Petretskyi, the UWC Vice President for Eastern Europe and President of the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania, Jorge Danylyshyn, the UWC Vice President for South and Central America, and Olena Kotseva, President of the Association of Ukrainian Organizations in Bulgaria "Mati Ukraine," shared their experience in raising humanitarian support and funds during an expert session on assistance to Ukraine. Roman Mykytenko, the UWC Vice President for Northern Europe, moderated the discussion.



Eugene Czolij, the UWC President (2008-2018), moderated a discussion on confiscating and transferring frozen Russian assets abroad to Ukraine.



A video recording of the discussion is available via QR Code

The discussion on rebuilding Ukraine at the time and after the victory was moderated by Zenon Potichny, the UWC Vice President for Operations. The UWC's "Energize Ukraine" project was presented by Yarema Kovaliv, the initiative's Director. Oleksandra Azarkhina, the Deputy Minister for Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, spoke about the urgent need to restore energy infrastructure.



On the event's third day, an expert panel delved into strengthening unity and cooperation within the global network of Ukrainian communities. The discussion, moderated by Stefan Romaniw, the Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AUOA) and the UWC Vice President, featured Mariana Betsa, the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Ukrainian Community at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Yevgeniya Petrova, UWC Community Relations Manager: Nataliva Poshvvavlo-Towler, UWC Vice President for Oceania and Asia; Demyan Hyworon, Board Member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress; Dr. Mariya Dmytriv Kapeniak, President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Illinois Division; Vassili Goutsoul, the Chairman of the Board of the Ukrainian Association in Finland; and Alexandra Melkonyan, the Chair of the Foundation for the Ukrainian Community of Malta.





The final session summarized the Summit's outcomes, with UWC President Paul Grod and the UWC Vice President Stefan Romaniw leading the discussion.



Based on the Summit's results, UWC President presented the Roadmap for the global Ukrainian community for the coming years. Following the presentation, delegates participated in a session to discuss key points of the roadmap, which the Executive Committee opened for feedback and amendments in April and May.

MEETINGS OF THE UWC PRESIDENT WITH COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE

Building strong civic institutions is one of the UWC's key priorities. Establishing Ukrainian schools, learning centers, and youth organization hubs helps ensure that millions of Ukrainians abroad are not lost to assimilation. Throughout 2024, the UWC President Paul Grod met with the Ukrainian communities across Europe, North America, and South America.



Portugal. The UWC President awarded the Union of Ukrainians in Portugal and its President, Pavlo Sadokha, for their leadership in representing the Ukrainian community in Portugal, defending Ukraine, and supporting the UWC.



Spain. Meeting of the Spanish community with the UWC President at the Nove Dzherelo Saturday School in Barcelona, March 2024.



Spain. The UWC President acknowledged the efforts of the Ukrainian organizations in Spain, particularly the Federation of Ukrainian Associations in Spain led by Mykhaylo Petrunyak, March 2024.

Romania. The UWC leadership met with the Bucharest branch of the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania, where the Romanian Ukrainian community wasrecognized as the most influential in the region, April 2024.



Poland. The UWC President expressed gratitude to Myroslav Skirka, Head of the Association of Ukrainians in Poland, and the leaders of other significant Ukrainian organizations in Poland for their continuous advocacy work and for keeping the interest in Ukraine alive. April 2024.



United Kingdom. Nearly one hundred Ukrainians gathered at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, home of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain – London Branch, for a meeting with UWC President



MEETINGS OF THE UWC PRESIDENT WITH COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE

Germany. The UWC brought together the Central Association of Ukrainians in Germany, the Union of Ukrainian Organizations in Germany, Alliance, the German-Ukrainian Association "Blue-Yellow Cross", the Union of Ukrainian Student Organizations in Germany, Plast, Ukrainian Youth Association, the Community of Ukrainians in Thuringia and Vitsche, June 2024.



Argentina. The 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian Cultural Society "Prosvita" was celebrated at the Golden Hall of the Buenos Aires City Legislature, August 2024.



Argentina. On behalf of the multi-million Ukrainian diaspora, Paul Grod extended his gratitude to the "Prosvita" Society in Argentina and acknowledged the contributions of the Society's President Jorge Danylyshyn, August 2024.



Argentina. The UWC President acknowledged the efforts of the President of the Ukrainian Central Representation in Argentina, Dr. Pedro Lylyk, August 2024



Argentina. Meeting with CYM and Plast youth organizations, August 2024.



Poland. The Ukrainian Narodnyi Dim in Przemyśl celebrated its 120th anniversary. During the celebrations, the UWC Director of Unite with Ukraine initiative awarded the Przemyśl branch of the Association of Ukrainians in Poland a plaque of honor crafted from NATO artillery shells and metal from a destroyed Russian tank, June 2024.





Yevheniy Semenov

UWC Vice President for the Middle East and Central Asia

Ukrainian communities exist in every country within the Middle East and Central Asia, each at different stages of development. In two countries, Kazakhstan and Armenia, well-established Ukrainian regional central representations operate as full members of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC).

Additionally, three organizations in two countries—Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan—hold an associate membership with the UWC. Engagement with other Ukrainian organizations, centers and associations not yet formally affiliated with the UWC is carried out through communication, joint initiatives, and projects outside the formal membership. A significant aspect of this work involves ongoing research into the region and expanding activities in new countries.

Beyond the established connections with the Ukrainian communities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the UAE, and Uzbekistan, ties were established this year with the Ukrainian groups in Saudi Arabia and Qatar, which show considerable potential for structuring Ukrainian activities in these countries and the Gulf region overall.

Currently, some Ukrainian communities and centers are well-organized and actively collaborate with local authorities, engage in cultural diplomacy, and host large-scale events (as seen in Kazakhstan and Armenia). However,

most communities are in the early stages of development, focusing on consolidating Ukrainians and building internal structures. One of the primary challenges in the region is legal restrictions on the activities or even official registration of Ukrainian organizations in certain countries, often due to historical and political realities. Additionally, Russia's cultural, media, and political influence remains significant in these societies and within Ukrainian communities, posing additional threats to the work of Ukrainian organizations and the global Ukrainian movement as a whole.

This year's efforts with communities, associations, and centers have aimed at strengthening and consolidating them through various communication channels, including online conferences, phone calls, social media and messenger platforms, email correspondence, and in-person meetings when possible. Key partners in these activities include leaders, heads, and active representatives of the Ukrainian communities, organizations, and centers.

Communication has also been established with Ukraine's diplomatic missions in the region and Father Vasyl Hovera, a priest of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church and Apostolic Administrator for Byzantine Rite Catholics in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

Read Yevheniy Semenov's full report and a summary of key achievements





Nataliya Poshyvaylo-Towler

UWC Vice President for Southern and Southeastern Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Lebanon, and Turkey

Countries and status: Australia (full), New Zealand (1 association, 6 organizations), China (supporters, Hong Kong, Shanghai), Japan (supporter, 2 organizations), India (supporter), Indonesia (interacting), Lebanon (association), Malaysia (supporter), Mongolia (supporter), Singapore (association), Türkiye (1 full, 2 associations, 3 supporters, 1 interacting), Philippines (supporter), Thailand (interacting), South Korea (interacting). The network is growing with new communities from Japan and Turkey joining and increased interaction with supporters in South Korea, Türkiye, and Japan.

The network continues to expand with the new community members from Japan and Turkey and enhanced interactions with supporters in South Korea, Turkey and Japan.

Ukrainian communities in the region actively engage in the cultural, educational, and advocacy efforts. They participate in events spearheaded by the UWC and host their own events, consistently striving for local, regional, and international representation. These communities are the routine attendees at the meetings led by the UWC Vice President for the region, International Institute of Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations (MIOK), and the UWC partner organizations.

Online meetings in 2024 (7):

April 7, 2024 April 28, 2024 May 26, 2024 June 5, 2024 July 21, 2024 August 11, 2024 October 6, 2024 All meetings are meticulously documented, and complete with agendas and minutes. The majority of communities are currently in a phase of sustained growth and development, and the network has expanded since the onset of the full-scale invasion, now engaging with Ukrainian activists in North Korea, Indonesia, and Thailand.

Communication is maintained through a WhatsApp group, where new members are added after initial interviews, background checks, and reference verifications.

A session was conducted with the representatives from the Ukrainian Institute and the UWC, which once collaborated with Teona Kakhiani, to plan a series of webinars titled "KMAcademic Talks: International Law and the War" targeting Oceania, Asia, Africa, and Australia. A presentation was held to ensure the content's relevance and efficacy, and a survey was crafted to prioritize countries. This effort aims to develop supportive tools for advocacy in the region and to customize the webinars to address the distinct challenges and needs of the communities.

On May 15, 2024, the community leaders in New Zealand met online to discuss the possibility to unite under a single regional organization, which is an associate member of the UWC. The meeting was categorized as "interacting" due to the limited funds and a lack of leadership initiative; thus, the unification process is still under negotiation.

On June 21, 2024, at the invitation of the National University of Ostroh Academy, I participated in the event titled "Woman in Diplomacy in Wartime. How to Resist Russian Aggression on the 'Diplomatic Front'?"

On October 8, 2024, I attended a "Ukrainian Communities Abroad: Resilience, Growth and Progress" International Panel Discussion hosted by the International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations (MIOK) at the Ostroh Academy.

To commemorate the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion, I visited New Zealand and participated in a community rally in Auckland.

Meetings were held:

- 1. David Seymour, the leader of the ACT Party of New Zealand and the Member of Parliament (MP). Minister of Regulation in the Sixth National Government of New Zealand.
- 2. Teanau Tuiono, the Member of Parliament representing the Green Party of New Zealand.
- 3. Interview with 18:00 TV ONE news.
- 4. Community meetings with Kate Turska (Mahi for Ukraine) and the UWC Associate Member Yurko Gladun.

Read Nataliya Poshyvaylo-Towler's full report via the QR Code:





Volodymyr Kogutyak

UWC Vice President for Western Europe

As the UWC Vice President responsible for the Western Europe, I oversee the following countries and organizations:

France: 2 associations + 164 supporter groups

Germany: 7 associations, 4 of which joined

after my appointment

Belgium: 5 associations, 4 of which joined

after my appointment

Luxembourg: 1 association

Ireland: 1 association

Netherlands: 1 association

Switzerland: 1 association

Bretagne: 1 association

Austria: 1 association

(previously, there were none)

Collaboration highlights:

Throughout the year, I actively engaged with each country to identify new associations, encourage them to join the UWC, foster collaboration between the communities, and establish direct connections with the Ukrainian embassies. I firmly believe that our strength lies in our unity.

Examples of cooperation:

Visited Germany to meet with the diaspora and facilitate their unification efforts.

Led organizational committees for major global events, including February 24, August 24, #UkraineinNATO advocacy campaign

The 90th Anniversary of the Holodomor genocide

Regular communication with all associations via country-specific groups, conducting bi-monthly video conferences.

Focused on expanding and strengthening the region by engaging with the new countries, organizations, communities, and groups.





Dzvinka Kachur

UWC Vice President for Africa

Overview

The African continent hosts two officially registered Ukrainian organizations: the Ukrainian Association of South Africa (UAZA) and the Ukrainian Association in Mauritius, which was registered in August 2024. One organization holds an associate membership with the UWC.

Collaboration with communities

Regular meetings in the region include not only registered organizations but also unregistered Ukrainian communities from Algeria, Ghana, Egypt, Senegal and Tunisia, as well as activists from Algeria, Botswana, Ethiopia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, and Nigeria. Meetings are conducted online.

Meetings focused on enhancing the capacity of the Ukrainian communities:

- Understanding the African strategy (2022) and African communication strategy (2023).
 Global Peace Summit, Ukrainian Peace Formula, and
- Global Peace Summit, Ukrainian Peace Formula, and advocacy in African countries
- 3. Contacts with the Ukrainian Institute and European cultural institutions on the continent. In 2023, a meeting was held between the Ukrainian communities on the continent and the newly appointed representative of the Ukrainian Institute of Africa. As a result, the Ukrainian communities gained access to the European cultural institutions. This included a series of film screenings at the French Cultural Center in Namibia and an Independence Day celebration in Mauritius, both in cooperation with the French Cultural Center.
- 4. Understanding key narratives and perceptions of Ukraine on the continent with Professor Oleksiy Haran.
- Risks of Russian influence and safety of Ukrainians in Africa.
- 6. UWC and the global Ukrainian community.
- Ukrainian schools and education initiatives.
- Separately, consultations were held with Ukrainians whose relatives are in the occupied territories, establishing contact between Ukrainians needing protection and human rights organizations. These organizations assist with the return of Ukrainians from the occupied territories and provide psychological support.

Physical meetings were conducted with the communities in Senegal in December 2023, Mozambique in June 2024, and Ghana in July 2024. Additional meetings were held with the communities in Mauritius and Ghana to assist with their organizational registration.

Communication has been established with the Ukrainian embassies across the continent. Throughout 2023-2024, online or in-person meetings took place with the embassies of Angola, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Mozambique, and South Africa to discuss the UWC's presence and how it can support Ukrainian communities.

For countries where Ukraine does not maintain permanent embassies, efforts were made to facilitate communication, such as linking the Embassy of Ukraine in South Africa, which oversees Mauritius, with the Ukrainian Association of Mauritius. Similar efforts were made to connect Ukrainians in Zambia with the Embassy of Ukraine in South Africa.

Advocacy for Ukraine on the African continent Establishing cooperation between Ukrainian and South African community organizations and advocating for support of the Ukrainian Peace Formula by community organizations on the continent. In particular, under the coordination of the UWC Vice President, policy briefs were developed on the continent on three points of the Ukrainian Peace Formula: regional security (UN reform), nuclear security, and forced deportation of children.

https://www.uaza.co.za/policy-briefs/

In July 2024, during the African Union's Mid-Year Meeting, an advocacy conference was conducted where the policy briefs on the Ukrainian Peace Formula were presented. An appeal was signed, urging African Union countries to support the initiatives of the Ukrainian Peace Formula. Additionally, in August 2024, South African organizations participated in presenting the BringKidsBackUA White Paper on Ukrainian forcibly deported children to the Yermack-Kennedy Group. Informational cooperation. Writing and disseminating articles focused on Ukraine, Ukrainian communities, and combating Russian aggression. Efforts included sourcing speakers for appearances in regional media across South Africa and Kenya, including articles, radio, and TV programs. Supporting Ukrainian government and civil society organizations, institutions, and parliamentarians in understanding the continent

- In cooperation with the Alliance of Democracies
 Foundation, three documents were prepared for the
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, detailing the specifics of
 working on the continent, narrative recommendations,
 and insights into South Africa's electoral environment.
- A meeting was convened with the MPs engaged in the advocacy, including Zhan Beleniuk and Lesia Vasylenko.
- Participation in a strategic session at the Ukrainian Institute, where consultations were held with culture professionals about their operations on the continent.
- Assistance in arranging the advocacy visit of Viktor Yushchenko, the third President of Ukraine, to South Africa.

Meetings with the representatives of the South African government, parliamentarians, and public organizations

Cooperation with the continent representatives in Ukraine - In July 2024, a meeting with the ambassadors and continent representatives in Ukraine was held at the NaUKMA. All representatives physically present in Kyiv were invited, including the following countries:Algeria, Egypt, Libya, and South Africa.

In November 2024, meetings were held with Sydney Mufamadi, the Advisor to the President of South Africa and Deputy Minister of the South African Foreign Ministry, within



Miroslav Hočak

UWC Vice President for South Eastern Europe

Serhia

2 regional organizations

Bulgaria

1 regional organization

Croatia

1 central regional organization

Slovenia

1 associate member and 1 supporter

Bosnia and Herzegovina

1 central regional organization (de facto non-existent)

North Macedonia

1 regional organization

Montenegro

1 associate member

Albania

there is no established organization or organized Ukrainian communit

In total there are 9 organizations from Southeast Europe in the UWC network. 2/3 of organizations are the full-fledged members of the UWC..

Leaders of organizations are directly contacted via telephone or Zoom videoconferencing application.

Topics essential for every country or suggested by the organization are being discussed.

A contact with representatives of the Ukrainian community in Albania has been established.

For the last 3 years a conference of Ukrainian organizations of the Central Southeast Europe is being held by the UWC in Novi Sad (Serbia). The last conference "Integration, affirmation, disinformation, assimilation" was held on December 9th, 2023 in Novi Sad.







Mykola-Myroslav Petretskyi

The Ukrainian World Congress Vice President for Eastern Europe

On the 12th Ukrainian World Congress held on October 2023 I was elected as the Ukrainian World Congress Vice President for Eastern Europe responsible for building and maintaining cooperation with the communities in Belarus, Hungary, Georgia (Sakartvelo), Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Estonia. My role primarily involved keeping the Ukrainian communities consolidated, supporting their mission and promoting bilateral relations between two sovereign countries. Since October 22nd, 2023, I have completed the following projects/ visits:

Working visit to the Republic of Moldova
On November 2-3rd, 2023, I visited Kyshynev, where I had meetings with the leading officials, including Oazu Nantoi, a deputy and the chair of the Republic of Moldova-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group, and Ms. Angela Brasoveanu Erizanu, a cultural and international relations counselor for the president of the Republic of Moldova. I also held meetings with the Ukrainian diplomats accredited in Kyshynev, led by Mr. Marko Shevchenko, the ambassador of Ukraine in Kyshynev. Our discussions were focused on security and hybrid challenges that the Republic of Moldova is facing nowadays, as well as on the cooperation between Ukrainian communities and mutual support of the European integration path for Moldova and Ukraine.

Meeting with Cristian-Leon Tsurkanu, an ambassador of Romania in the Republic of Moldova

In Kyshynev I had a working meeting with Cristian-Leon Tsurkanu, an ambassador of Romania in the Republic of Moldova, where we discussed the ways to increase cooperation between the Ukrainian communities of Romania and the Republic of Moldova, especially in the current regional context. We also discussed the ways the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania (UUR) can support Ukrainian migrants.

Visit to Ukraine to honor the victims of Holodomor

On November 23-26th, 2023, as the a Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) for Eastern Europe I made an official visit to Ukraine to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Holodomor. I had meetings with Ukrainian officials, including Denys Shmyhal, a prime-minister, and Dmytro Kuleba, a Foreign Affairs Minister. We discussed how important it is to maintain international solidarity with Ukraine and how Romania supports Ukrainian students-refugees in Romanian schools.

Establishing first annual meeting of the Ukrainian World Congress

On January 22nd, 2024 I had an opportunity to be the Chairman of this year's first meeting of the UWC along with Ms. Yevheniia Petrova. Members of the Ukrainian organization from several European countries and Mariana Betsa, an Ambassador-at-Large for Global Ukrainian Community of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, have attended the meeting. At the meeting we discussed priorities of the Ukrainian organizations and their cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, sanctions against Russia and strategic planning of the UWC activities.

Meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the President of Ukraine, on April 12th, 2024.

I had an honor to attend the meeting with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Chernivtsi, where we discussed how crucial it is to continue supporting Ukraine internationally. President Zelenskyy expressed gratitude to the Ukrainian World Congress for assisting Ukraine in promoting the importance of ongoing support for Ukraine to the world governments and

Establishing summit of the Ukrainian World Congress

As the chair of the Union of the Ukrainians of Romania (UUR) I organized the summit of the Ukrainian World Congress held on April 12-14th, 2024 in the Parliament Palace in Bucharest. This event brought together over 200 leaders of the Ukrainian organizations from 70 countries of the world and was aimed at discussing the key strategies for supporting Ukraine in its fight against Russia. We emphasized the importance of coordinated and integrated activities of the UWC in these challenging times.

Meetings with Romanian government officials

On April 15th, 2024 me, Paul Grod, the UWC president, and the members of the UWC Executive Committee attended a few meetings with Romanian government officials. We had meaningful discussions with Marcel Ciolacu, the Prime Minister of Romania, Mr. Ciprian Olinici, the State Secretary for Religious Rights, Cristian Niculescu-Tagarlas, chairman of the Judicial Policy Committee of the Senate of Romania, and Dan Barna, the vice-speaker of the Chamber of Deputies. At these meetings the parties have discussed the importance of building and maintaining bilateral relations, as well as consistent and multivector support of Ukraine and its citizens by Romania, in particular humanitarian, educational and political aid that has been provided since the beginning of war. I emphasized on how crucial the role of Romania is in supporting Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration, pointing out the importance of ongoing efforts.

Meeting of the Membership Committee of the Ukrainian World

On September 12th, 2024, I attended the meeting of the Membership Committee of the Ukrainian World Congress, which has been focused on the expansion and consolidation of the UWC by accepting new organizations of Ukrainians living in different countries of the world. The Committee has reviewed applications on joining the UWC, the associate and regular memberships that have been submitted by Ukrainian organizations from Japan, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Germany, Malta, Montenegro and Northern Macedonia. The members of the Committee have thoroughly reviewed and discussed every application and provided recommendations that will be submitted to the UWC Board of Directors responsible for final decision on this matter. They also discussed other issues regarding the membership dues and measures to be introduced to improve productivity of the cooperation between the participating organizations.

Taking part in the Ukrainian Days in the Republic of Moldova

On October 5th, 2024, I took part in the events organized in Kyshynev as part of the Ukrainian Day where I had an opportunity to discuss cooperation between the Ukrainian communities of Romania and the Republic of Moldova. I expressed my gratitude to the Moldovan government for supporting Ukrainian community and pointed out the importance of ongoing European integration of Moldova.

Suggestions of the UWC Membership Committee
As a member of the UWC Membership Committee I offered to organize an event in Poland aimed to define essential decisions for Ukrainian organizations-members of the UWC, and formulated Declaration for the organizations seeking membership, associate membership or cooperation with the UWC. In addition I presented issues that I dealt with while working with the organizations under my supervision in Eastern Europe to the UWC's senior leaders.



Marta Farion

UWC Vice President for the United States and Mexico

Collaboration with the Ukrainian Community in Mexico

In 2024, I had the honor of visiting Mexico City, home to a Ukrainian community of several thousand individuals. Their organization. Casa de Ucrania (Ukrainian House), actively promotes Ukrainian culture and identity. It operates a children's school to preserve the Ukrainian language, a small but highly skilled choir with near-professional singers and maintains close connections with Ukraine. The community organizes Ukrainian Independence Day celebrations and actively combats Russian disinformation and the significant influence of Russia and China in the region. Many members of this community are immigrants from Kharkiv and eastern Ukraine, who left for Mexico for various reasons, particularly after the Euromaidan Revolution and the onset of occupation in the East. Members of this community have expressed their desire to join the UWC.

Collaboration. Throughout the year, I maintained regular contact with the Embassy of Ukraine in the United States, frequently visited Washington, D.C., for conferences and Independence Day celebrations, engaged with the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Los Angeles, took part in the Holodomor commemoration events, contributed to Ukrainian radio programs and newspapers, keeping communities informed

about UWC's work.

The territory is vast; there are established communities in major cities, yet, over the past decade, new and growing Ukrainian communities have emerged in western states like Texas, California, North Carolina, and South Carolina, among others.

Challenges. A significant challenge is the geographical dispersion of Ukrainians. Building strong connections between communities requires leveraging online platforms and digital resources, as it is impossible to travel everywhere in person. In Canada, due to its vast size, local representatives are essential for effectively coordinating the activities of Ukrainian communities across the country.



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS - IECC



Lyuba Lyubchyk

Chair of the UWC's International Educational Coordinating Council (IECC)

Development and progress of Ukrainian education abroad, the coordination of activities of educational institutions in the diaspora, uniting around UWC educational projects and initiatives, joint actions with the government of Ukraine to protect the interests and educational needs of Ukrainian schools abroad, and the expansion of the Ukrainian-language educational space are priorities of the UWC's IECC.

At the beginning of my tenure, creating a questionnaire for diasporans to establish a unified, verified register of educational centers abroad by their type of operation was important for UWC's IECC.



Familiarize yourself with the questionnaire

The UWC's IECC participates monthly in the state-level meetings with Iryna Vereshchuk, a Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, focusing on protecting the interests of the Ukrainian diaspora schoolchildren. Topics include introducing "Ukrainian as a Foreign Language" as an elective subject in host countries, recognizing Ukrainian Saturday and Sunday schools, counting teaching experience for teachers working abroad, and recognizing foreign secondary education documents.

Close and productive collaboration has been established with the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Development and implementation of the educational programs and materials to support teachers in the diaspora remain a priority for the UWC's IECC. Currently, efforts are underway on two significant projects:

- Creating an information and methodological manual on

the history of Ukraine to help teachers in the diaspora; - "The Ukrainian Diaspora School: From A to Z".

A series of working visits were conducted to familiarize with the activities of Ukrainian Saturday schools in Estonia (Tallinn, Sillamäe, Narva), Germany (Berlin, Munich), and Switzerland (Geneva). The Chair of the UWC's IECC participated in the "German-Ukrainian Conversations on Education" Summit in Munich and the National EdCamp "Point of Resiliency 2024" in Bukovel. During the forum, a meeting was held with Andreas Schleicher, a founder of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) study.

Additionally, during the meeting with the leadership of the Optima School, the largest distance education provider, an agreement was reached to allow diaspora preschoolers based in Kyiva a free access to the Optima Kids web resources.

During a working visit to Berlin, the Chair of the UWC's IECC Chair met with Oksana Turkevych, a scholar at Humboldt University, to discuss the project on creating textbook titled "Ukrainian as a Foreign Language."

Prioritizing a development of the Ukrainian studies departments at the leading global universities, the Chair of the UWC's IECC engaged with scholars from the Universities of Toronto (Ulana Pidzamecky), Alberta (AllaNedashkivska), and Indiana University (Sofiya Asher).

The Canadian-Ukrainian "Summer Institute", an initiative under the UWC's IECC, was successfully conducted in July 2024 in Lviv and Mukachevo, under the guidance of Nadia Luciw, Oksana Wynnyckyj-Yusypovych, and Kateryna Horokhovska.

The Chair of the UWC's IECC played a significant role in organizing and partially funding the International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations (MIOK)'s Third World Forum of Ukrainian Diaspora Saturday and Sunday Schools in August 2024, which brought together 180 educators from 27 countries.

For the first time in the history of the Ukrainian diaspora education, the Ministry of Education and Science involved the UWC's IECC in organizing the Committee for the Petro Yatsyk International Ukrainian Language Competition, entrusting the development of competition tasks for diaspora schools across four age categories.

In June, the Chair of the UWC's IECC hosted the First Teachers' Conference in Paris. The conference brought together representatives from 22 Ukrainian Saturday and Sunday schools across France.
On October 5, the UWC's IECC participated in the

On October 5, the UWC's IECC participated in the Educational Forum organized by Ukrainian Congress of Italy.

UWC's IECC will continue offering a series of webinars and workshops to enhance teachers' skills abroad. Since September 2024, 26 new Ukrainian educational centers have opened globally. UWC's IECC is committed to increasing the presence of Ukrainian language programs and Ukrainian schools worldwide.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UWC AND ITS NETWORK

DECISIONS OF RF'S GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

On 11 July 2019, the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation (RF) decided to "declare as undesirable on the territory of the Russian Federation the activities of the international nongovernmental organisation Ukrainian World Congress".

On 17 July 2019, RF's Ministry of Justice included the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) on its list of foreign international non-governmental organisations whose activities are considered "undesirable on the territory of the Russian Federation".

When the activities of an organisation are designated as "undesirable", it is prohibited from implementing projects in Russia and disseminating any content through the media or the Internet. The organisation's website is blocked within Russia. Since 2021, Russian nationals are prohibited from participating in the activities of an "undesirable organisation", even when occurring outside the RF.

The failure to comply with these restrictions incurs administrative and criminal liabilities. Firsttime offenders can be fined. Repeat offenders and individuals, who organise the activities of an "undesirable organisation", can face a range of criminal penalties, including fines, compulsory labour, and imprisonment.

CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON UWC PROTECTION

On 5 October 2019, the UWC Board of Directors created the Committee on the Protection of Rights of the UWC and its Network (Committee on UWC Protection) to contest the illegal decisions of RF's governing authorities concerning the designation of UWC's activities as "undesirable on the territory of the Russian Federation".

The composition of the Committee on UWC Protection is:

Eugene Czolij – Chairman;

Nazar Kulchytskyy;

Markiyan Bem;

Serhii Vynnyk;

Peter Sztyk.

To represent its interests before: the RF's Courts, the UWC appointed Serhii Vynnyk and Nikolay Polozov.

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), the UWC appointed the law firm "Nazar Kulchytskyy

and Partners" and, particularly, its partners Nazar Kulchytskyy and Markiyan Bem.

CLAIMS REGARDING RF'S GOVERNING AUTHORITIES' DECISIONS TO RF'S COURTS

On October 9, 2019, the UWC filed a claim against the RF's Office of the Prosecutor General and the Ministry of Justice before the Tver District Court of Moscow.

On 11 March 2020, the Tver District Court of Moscow dismissed the UWC's claim for the following reasons submitted by the RF's Office of the General Prosecutor regarding the UWC's activities: Promoting anti-Russian political initiatives for the return of Crimea to Ukraine, strengthening sanctions against Russia, campaigning to review the "common history of Russia and Ukraine" and undermining the canonical Orthodoxy in Ukraine; Carrying out by the UWC President at the time [Eugene Czolij] of 147 international trips to 51 countries during which about 1,500 bilateral meetings were held where he stated that the main activity of the UWC was the defence of the territorial integrity of Ukraine from Russian aggression and called for the adoption of effective measures with respect to the occupation of Crimea and parts of Eastern Ukraine, including military assistance, as well as strengthening of sanctions against the RF and the suspension of the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline;

Raising in 2018 the issues of Russian aggression, occupation of Crimea, Nord Stream 2 and the need to impose sanctions against Russia during events of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, World Economic Forum in Davos, European Commission, United Nations and other international forums; Initiating a global action "Red card for Putin" during the 2018 FIFA World Cup, which was aimed at putting pressure on Russian governing authorities.

In its decision, the Tver District Court of Moscow also referred to a letter from the Federal Security Service of Russia, which states that "the activities of the Ukrainian World Congress have a destructive character and threaten the foundations of the constitutional order and security of the Russian Federation".

On 15 April 2020, the UWC appealed the Tver District Court of Moscow's decision before the Moscow City Court. On 22 July 2020, a panel of

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three judges of the Moscow City Court considered UWC's appeal and upheld the decision of the Tver District Court of Moscow.

On 21 September 2020, the UWC filed a cassation appeal with RF's Second Cassation Court of General Jurisdiction against the judicial decisions of the Moscow City Court and the Tver District Court of Moscow. On 5 November 2020, RF's Second Cassation Court of General Jurisdiction dismissed UWC's cassation appeal.

On 19 January 2021, the UWC filed a cassation appeal with RF's Supreme Court against the judicial decisions of RF's Second Cassation Court of General Jurisdiction, the Moscow City Court and the Tver District Court of Moscow.

On 12 May 2021, one judge of RF's Supreme Court refused to transfer the cassation appeal for consideration by the judicial panel on administrative matters of RF's Supreme Court.

On 8 July 2021, the UWC submitted a supervisory complaint to the Presidium of RF's Supreme Court. On 6 September 2021, the Deputy Chairman of RF's Supreme Court refused to transfer the supervisory complaint to the Presidium of RF's Supreme Court.

Thus, in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights, the UWC had exhausted all possibilities in the RF for a judicial appeal against the decisions of RF's Office of the Prosecutor General and Ministry of Justice regarding the designation of UWC's activities as "undesirable on the territory of the Russian Federation".

CLAIMS REGARDING RF'S GOVERNING AUTHORITIES' DECISIONS TO THE ECHR

On 26 August 2021, the UWC sent a statement to the ECHR with complaints against the RF that: The designation of the activities of the UWC as "undesirable on the territory of the Russian Federation" violated UWC's rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights; The rights of UWC's former Regional Vice President and legal representative in the RF, Serhii Vynnyk, guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, were violated for his cooperation with the UWC and for representing its interests before RF's courts, with administrative fines, the initiation of criminal proceedings on economic grounds that were later discontinued, searches at his home and office with the removal of documents and electronic devices, and obstruction of his work

as UWC's legal representative in the RF. On 5 October 2021, the ECHR Secretariat accepted UWC's statement for consideration under the name Ukrainian World Congress and Vynnyk v. Russia and number 44688/21.

On 6 March 2023, the ECHR consolidated the UWC case with 82 complaints regarding amendments to the Russian legislation of 2015, which created the category of "undesirable organisations" and introduced administrative and criminal liability for involvement in their activities. Among the applicants are organisations identified as "undesirable" (including the UWC) and individuals (including Serhii Vynnyk), who were convicted for participating in organized events of "undesirable organisations" or for using their symbols. The ECHR also decided that it would consider the following issues:

With regard to applicant organisations (including the UWC), was there a violation of a rticles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights due to their designation as "undesirable organisations"?

With respect to the individual applicants (including Serhii Vynnyk), was there a violation of articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights due to convictions for participation in the activities of "undesirable organisations"?

Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights stipulate that:
"Article 10 – Freedom of expression
Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers.

This Article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in

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confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

Article 11 – Freedom of assembly and association Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests. No restrictions shall be placed on the exercise of these rights other than such as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

This Article shall not prevent the imposition of lawful restrictions on the exercise of these rights by members of the armed forces, of the police or of the administration of the State".

This consolidated case (including the case of the UWC and Serhii Vynnyk) is named as Case of Andrey Rylkov Foundation and Others v. Russia

On 29 March 2023, the ECHR informed that the RF did not respond to UWC's statement.

On 26 May 2023, the UWC submitted additional comments to the ECHR, mainly regarding compensation for damages with supporting documents.

On 18 June 2024, the ECHR delivered a judgment deciding that the RF violated Article 11 of the **European Convention on Human Rights** (interpreted in the light of Article 10 of this convention) in designating the UWC as an "undesirable organisation". In this judgment, the ECHR declared that: "the interference arising from the designation of the applicant organisations [including the UWC] as "undesirable" failed to satisfy the "prescribed by law" criterion, being both unforeseeable and arbitrary. The domestic law did not provide the applicant organisations [including the UWC] with adequate and effective safeguards against the abusive use of the unchecked discretion granted to the executive, leaving them [including the UWC] vulnerable to arbitrary designation without the means for a preemptive or meaningful challenge".

The Court also found that there was a violation of Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights (interpreted in the light of Article 10 of this convention) in respect of the applicants [including UWC's former Regional Vice President and legal representative in the RF, Serhii Vynnyk], who have been convicted for

their involvement with "undesirable organisations" [including the UWC].

On 20 September 2024, the ECHR informed that on 19 September 2024 this judgment of the ECHR became final in accordance with Article 44 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

ROSKOMNADZOR COMPLAINTS

The Committee on UWC Protection also successfully defended the UWC against the complaints of RF's Federal Service for Supervision in the Field of Communications, Information Technologies and Mass Communications (Roskomnadzor) to Twitter alleging that the content of the UWC Twitter account was violating RF's laws and that Twitter should take appropriate action. Ultimately, Twitter took no action against the UWC's account.

21 September 2024

Eugene Czolij

Chairman of the Committee on the Protection of Rights of the UWC and its Network



COOPERATING WITH UKRAINIAN CHURCHES



How to maintain spirituality in times of historical challenges and strengthen the bonds between Ukrainians around the world and Ukraine — these were the issues UWC regularly discusses with the heads of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

The discussions focused on how the church and the global Ukrainian community can work together to support Ukraine's victory. This topic was thoroughly discussed during a meeting with the Father and Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, at his residence in Kyiv.



Following detailed discussions with His Beatitude Epiphanius, UWC published explanatory materials on the law banning religious organizations affiliated with the Russian Orthodox Church. In addition, the focus of the cooperation also lies in internationally recognizing the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU) and meeting the spiritual needs of Ukrainians abroad, particularly in Europe.



UWC regularly updates its online resources to inform the international community about the criminal activities of the Russian Church in Ukraine's temporarily occupied territories and its growing influence on Ukrainians displaced by the war. In March 2024, while on a visit to Southern Europe, Paul Grod, on behalf of the UWC, called upon His Holiness Francis to support the people of Ukraine, by clearly calling Russia – "the aggressor", and Ukraine – "the victim".;s

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE HOLODOMOR GENOCIDE



On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor genocide, the Committee, chaired by Stefan Romaniw, called on Ukrainians around the world to:

Conduct a Holodomor-90 awareness campaign in conjunction with the UWC and our partners; Send appeals to governments of countries that have not yet recognized Holodomor as genocide; Hold events with video materials screenings and interviews with descendants of Holodomor victims;

Conduct workshops and lectures in Ukrainian weekend schools;

Light candles in windows or places of commemoration and make a vow of remembrance on November 25; Join the "Light a candle – Take a pledge" online campaign.

On November 25, the Ukrainian World Congress leadership joined the highest state-level commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor genocide. UWC President Paul Grod, Vice Presidents Stefan Romaniw, and Andriy Futey lit candles together with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, First Lady Olena Zelenska, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Valerii Zaluzhnyi, Chief of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine Kyrylo Budanov, Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Oleksiv Danilov, Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kviv and All Ukraine. Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav, and other Ukraine's political and military leaders in memory of the innocent men, women, and children who perished from famine in 1932-33.

The UWC delegation attended a solemn session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dedicated to the Holodomor commemoration. On this day, Ukraine's allies, who had acknowledged the Holodomor of 1932-1933 as genocide against the Ukrainian population, assembled at Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada.

Commemorative events continued worldwide throughout the year. On July 10 in Washington, D.C., UWC leadership joined Volodymyr and Olena Zelenska at a memorial service to honor the lives lost during the Holodomor of 1932-1933.



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HOLODOMOR DESCENDANTS' NETWORK (HDN) - 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR GENOCIDE



FOCUS - 90th anniversary of the Holodomor genocide

The "We Remember" project was conceptualized, planned, and implemented in alignment with the two key HDN objectives:

To honor the memory of millions of Holodomor victims.

To preserve and perpetuate the experiences of Holodomor survivors.

To mark the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor genocide, the Holodomor Descendants Network (HDN) initiated an eleven-part series titled "We Remember." This series features students' oral storytelling documenting the experiences of descendant families during the Holodomor. Students from grades 8-11 at Ukrainian schools abroad were invited to conduct and record video conversations with Holodomor descendants.

Through this project, students gained an in-depth understanding of the personal sufferings of individual families, the severe atrocities they endured, their survival strategies, and the lasting impact of this trauma. For descendants, it provided a platform to eternalize their family histories from the Holodomor period and share their truths, countering Russian misinformation and propaganda.

In collaboration with Kontakt TV, these interviews were broadcast weekly for ten weeks leading up to the global commemoration of the Holodomor victims on November 25, 2023. The sessions are accessible for viewing on the HDN website (hdn.ukrainianworldcongress.org), as well as on HDN's Facebook and YouTube pages and Kontakt's YouTube page.

A final video was produced and shared for educational use in schools and during Holodomor commemorations. An updated HDN webpage was also launched, and new social media presences on Facebook and YouTube were established.

HDN Chair also led a public committee — including the Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago, the UCCA Illinois Division, and the Holodomor Descendants' Network — to mark the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor genocide in Chicago.

FOCUS - Lasting effects of the Holodomor Survey of Ukrainian Americans. The Holodomor Descendants' Network has collaborated with Brent Bezo from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, to initiate a research study among Ukrainian American adults. This study explores the long-term impact of the Holodomor on generations of survivors. This marks the first study of its kind conducted in the United States, aiming to extend the insights from Mr. Bezo's previous research in Ukraine and Canada.

The survey was initiated in September 2024, with the findings anticipated to be released by the end of the year.

The survey aims to:

Understand the psychological and physiological effects of the Holodomor and compare these impacts with findings from earlier research in Ukraine and Canada.

Determine the extent to which the effects of the Holodomor are manifested across multiple generations of Ukrainian Americans.

Disseminate the findings among Holodomor descendants to increase awareness of these potential health impacts.

Share the study results broadly with the international community to illustrate that the repercussions of Russia's atrocities against Ukraine extend beyond the Holodomor, affecting generations long after.



For additional details about the survey, visit https://hdn.ukrainianworld congress.org/.



View the complete report by the Holodomor Descendants Network in both Ukrainian and English via the QR code.

INFORMING THE WORLD



We hereby inform. The UWC Communications Team delivers daily newsletters featuring the latest updates from the leadership, news from Ukraine, and stories from the Ukrainian communities globally. Each edition of the UWC Digest offers valuable resources for those interested in Ukrainian language, history, and culture, plus media interviews with UWC leaders. Get daily frontline updates and tributes to fallen heroes in our Chronicles of Victory section.



Engaging. Throughout 2024, the UWC website drew tens of thousands of visitors from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Poland, and beyond. UWC's Facebook following nearly doubled this year. Additionally, UWC's Instagram videos, which highlight Ukrainian culture, diaspora history, and culinary heritage, amassed millions of views.



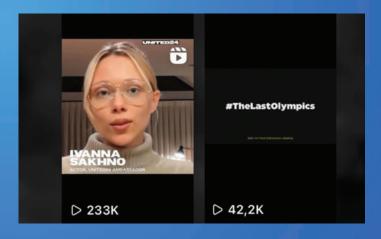


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An outstanding example of engaging opinion leaders was the "Last Olympics" campaign. The UWC team produced a video featuring notable athletes like Borys Chambul from Canada (1976 Olympics), Kylie Reed from Australia (2006 Olympics), NHL veteran Dave Babych, Ukrainian tennis star and national hero Sergiy Stakhovsky, and Viktor "the Medal Maker" Kovalenko, the revered Olympic sailing coach.



Hollywood actress Ivanna Sakhno, known for her roles in the Star Wars series and her Ukrainian heritage, also supported the campaign. The campaign successfully reached over 1 million social media users. During the Paris Olympics, the "The Last Olympics" video played at the Ukrainian cultural hub, Volia Space, capturing attention from global media outlets with a combined audience of 105 million readers worldwide.

Convincing. Each UWC advocacy effort is robustly supported with informative content across the UWC website, social media platforms, and UWC daily digests. With a variety of materials including banners, videos, and compelling messages, we consistently persuade an increasing number of readers to support Ukraine, participate in global rallies, and disseminate the truth about Russian offenses.

This impactful work has made UWC a target for pro-Russian cyber attacks. Notably, during the 2023 campaign advocating for Ukraine's NATO membership, hackers cloned the English version of the UWC website to spread malicious files disguised as NATO Summit materials aimed at Ukrainian communities globally. Security measures were promptly reinstated, and our readers were immediately alerted to the cyber threat.

The UWC leadership maintains a prominent media presence, regularly featured on Ukrainian TV's "United News" telethon. Our growing partnerships and strategic media collaborations, like the record-breaking advocacy campaign on the second anniversary of the full-scale war, are bolstered by major outlets such as "Ukrainska Pravda".

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IN MEMORIAM (REMEMBERING OF STEFAN ROMANIW)



Stefan Romaniw's immense contributions to supporting and defending Ukraine, as well as to fostering the development of the global Ukrainian community, cannot be overstated.

On June 26, 2024, Stefan Romaniw untimely passed away at the age of 68 in Warsaw. A revered son of Ukraine and first Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC), Stefan was an esteemed member of the UWC Executive Committee, a dedicated community leader in Australia, former Chairman of the OUN-B leadership, former Chairman and member of the Ukrainian Youth Association (CYM), a true patriot of Ukraine, a faithful husband, father, grandfather, and a cherished friend to Ukrainians worldwide.

The loss of Stefan Romaniw is deeply felt by his beloved family, the broader Ukrainian community globally, and especially by the UWC. His robust and unwavering voice consistently advocated for Ukrainian interests on behalf of the UWC and the entire Ukrainian diaspora.

Joining the UWC in 2008 as Secretary General, Stefan diligently served as First Vice President since 2013, becoming a central figure in the organization. Known for his uncompromising patriotism, excellent strategic and organizational skills, and his courageous and resilient spirit, Stefan Romaniw remained passionately engaged in Ukrainian matters until the end. His death occurred during a public trip on his way back to Australia from Lithuania, where he had participated in the founding meeting of the Anti-Imperialist Bloc of Nations (ABN) in Kaunas and addressed the Ukrainian community in Vilnius.

Stefan Romaniw's decades of dedicated service to the Ukrainian cause span countless successful initiatives, including efforts to restore historical truths about Ukraine's past and to recognize the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people. In 2008, he spearheaded the first "Unquenchable Candle" international action, which took place across 32 countries in the Ukrainian diaspora and all 25 regions of Ukraine. Since then, he has served as the permanent Chair of the UWC International Coordinating Committee for Holodomor Awareness and Recognition, initiated the creation of the Holodomor Descendants' Network, and actively collaborated with Ukraine in establishing the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide and other significant initiatives.

We pray for the repose of the gentle and loving soul of late Stefan, and for his wife Anastasia, his children, grandchildren, and family, to whom he was a beacon of light. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment. I believe that together, we can build a brighter future for millions of Ukrainians.

Dr. Yuri Huculak

UWC Vice President for Development and Fundraising

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