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Dear Sirs:

**Re: Urgent need for a significant UN peacekeeping mission in Eastern and Southern Ukraine**

Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are seriously threatened by Russia's escalating provocations in Eastern and Southern Ukraine, particularly in Kharkiv, Luhansk and Donetsk.

In an overwhelming condemnation by UN member states on 27 March 2014 of Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea, the free world delivered a strong message on the inviolability of borders. Governments worldwide made a commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine by confirming that the referendum in Crimea and Sevastopol of 16 March 2014 has no validity.

Russia, however, with its troops now in Crimea and poised along Ukraine's Eastern border, continues to present a very real threat to global security.

Sanctions and condemnations have proven to have limited impact as Russia's efforts to destabilize Ukraine continue unabatedly.

The international community must protect Ukraine's sovereignty in the wake of Russia's clear provocations designed to undermine Ukraine's new government, incite separatist tendencies, create false perceptions of hostile divisions within the Ukrainian population and conduct a full-blown military invasion of Ukraine.

If not firmly challenged, Russia's illegal acts of aggression against Ukraine may result in similar actions in different regions by authoritarian regimes emboldened by the belief that there will be no substantive consequences for their intolerable behaviour.

**As a result, the Ukrainian World Congress is urging the UN to send a significant peacekeeping mission to Eastern and Southern Ukraine to monitor the situation on the ground and deter provocations that can lead to more serious military confrontations.**

We trust that you concur on the urgency of the situation and will act decisively in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and in the interest of security and stability in the region and worldwide.

Sincerely,

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*The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is the international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the diaspora representing the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians. The UWC has member organizations in 33 countries and ties with Ukrainians in 14 additional countries. Founded in 1967, the UWC was recognized in 2003 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with special consultative status.*