



AJC, UCCA Mark Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine

On this solemn fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) stand united with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people in remembrance, resolve, and moral clarity, and continue to call for sustained international support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The consequences of Russia's war against Ukraine extend far beyond the battlefield. Russia's barbaric aggression has, for four years, violated the Ukrainian people's human rights, and its actions continue to upend international order. President Putin's blatant contempt for international norms, collaboration with the radical Iranian regime, and the heinous war crimes carried out by Russian troops directly threaten both global stability and America's national security interests. Moscow's continued efforts to destabilize Europe and fracture transatlantic unity reflect a broader and urgent challenge to post-Cold War alliances and democratic institutions. Continued attacks on civilian infrastructure, energy grids, and population centers underscore that this conflict remains a defining struggle between democracy and authoritarianism.

As the humanitarian toll continues to mount, Russia's aggression has already led to deaths, injuries, and displacement on a scale without precedent in Europe since World War II. Russia's abduction and forcible transfer of Ukrainian children is a grave violation of international law that continues to leave families torn apart and in search of answers and reunification. As we honor the victims of this unjust war, we reaffirm our unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they defend their sovereignty, democracy, and freedom. We commend the courage of those on the front lines and the resilience of civilians who persevere despite immense suffering.

Our communities share a deep understanding of the consequences of hatred, aggression, and the world's silence in the face of injustice. History has taught us that indifference enables tyranny. Today, that lesson compels us to speak with one voice: the international community must remain steadfast in its support for Ukraine. Sustained humanitarian, military, and economic assistance are essential not only for Ukraine's survival, but for defending democratic values, upholding global stability, safeguarding Europe, holding Russia accountable for its crimes, and advancing a just and lasting peace grounded in Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

AJC has staunchly supported a free and democratic Ukraine for more than 30 years, including following the invasion in February 2022. In 1991, AJC became the first Jewish organization outside Ukraine to call on the United States to recognize the country's independence. On this anniversary, we reaffirm our pledge to continue advocating, educating, and mobilizing until this brutal war comes to an end.

American Jewish Committee (AJC) is the global advocacy organization for the Jewish people, creating trusted partnerships with leaders around the world to ensure Jews and Israel are safe and thriving. Through 40 offices and dozens of partnerships with Jewish communities worldwide, AJC engages leaders in more than 110 countries, empowering those in government, education, partner communities, and the private sector to counter antisemitism and act as allies. For more, please visit www.ajc.org.

Established in 1940, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA.org) unites and advocates in the name of 30 fraternal, educational, religious, cultural, veterans, and humanitarian organizations in the Ukrainian American community. UCCA maintains local all-volunteer chapters across the United States, with a national office in New York City, as well as a Washington, D.C., bureau, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS). UCCA is also a founding member of the Ukrainian World Congress (ukrainianworldcongress.org) representing 25 million people in over 80 nations, as well as a founding member of the Central and East European Coalition (ceecadvocacy.org), which coordinates the efforts of national ethnic organizations representing 20 million Americans.

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