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Re: UWC position on Condemnation Instead of Glorification of Stalinism and the Communist Totalitarian Regime

Dear Madam:

Dear Sirs:

The Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations in Australia (AFUO) the peak body for Ukrainians in Australia fully endorses the position presented to you recently in the above matter by the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC).

We call on you to give this matter due consideration and seek your intervention in this matter. Your intervention will have an impact in ensuring Ukraine corrects its current course.

We collectively have a responsibility in ensuring that those who committed crimes against humanity are judged accordingly . The Stalinist era was one of the worst in history. Stalin and the era must not be glorified. They must be condemned in the strongest terms.

Your speedy reaction in this matter, together the outcomes of the reviews such as the one published by Freedom House on April 27, 2011 in which it states that *Ukraine is not headed in the right direction*, will no doubt send a strong message and will assist in refocussing Ukraine's course.

The AFUO is a member of the UWC and requests that you take into consideration the views presented, by the UWC, AFUO and other UWC members .Your strong position in this matter would be most appreciated.

Those who suffered under Stalinist rule would demand that we all take a united stand at this crucial time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Romaniw', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Stefan Romaniw OAM
CHAIRMAN**

cc Ukrainian World Congress