



February 21, 2012

CALL TO ACTION UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND MEMBERS

CALL ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO OPEN AN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN KYIV

As you will be aware the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and its sub committee are holding an inquiry into Australia's Overseas Representation .

On Friday February 17, 2012 the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Ukraine in Canberra, Mr Stanislav Stashevskyi and Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO) Chairman, Stefan Romaniw OAM, gave evidence at a Parliamentary Hearing of the Sub-Committee.

The Committee has been meeting regularly. We attach a link to Hansard which reported on proceedings on February 10, 2012. At that hearing Michael Danby MP, Member for Melbourne Ports raised the issue of the Post in Kyiv.(Please read.)

It is now time to act as a community lobby

The AFUO calls on all Ukrainian organisations and interested individuals to write to relevant Members of Parliament endorsing the AFUO submission (Submission can be viewed on AFUO website www.ozeukes.com)

What to argue?

An Embassy in Kyiv would increase bilateral relations, trade, opportunities for skilled labour market to be increased, potential for full fee paying students to study in Australia, increased tourism to Australia, that the region has great potential and this has been underestimated by Australia. Australia is the only country in the G20 group without representation in Kyiv .

Who do I write to?

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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

It would also be helpful for individuals to contact their elected Members on this issue

Who is my elected Member?

Refer to www.aph.gov.au

Please send a copy of your letter to our office PO Box 251 Essendon 3040 or email chairman@ozeukes.com

For further information please contact Stefan Romaniw 0419513255 or Marian Tkaczuk 0416 255715

Hansard February 10, 2012

<http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=COMMITTEES;id=committees%2Fcommjnt%2F0e77ed9d-8c39-4cc8-970a-f5bec931cd05%2F0001;query=ld%3A%22committees%2Fcommjnt%2F0e77ed9d-8c39-4cc8-970a-f5bec931cd05%2F0000%22>