CANADA MUST IMPOSE PERSONAL SANCTIONS AGAINST CORRUPT OFFICIALS AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN UKRAINE

December 22, 2013

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We the undersigned citizens or residents of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

The House of Commons and the Government of Canada have unanimously condemned the brutal and unlawful use of force by the Government of Ukraine and its Ministry of Interior riot police in an attempt to disperse peaceful demonstrations, known as "Euromaidan", in Kyiv's Independence Square as well as other cities in Ukraine, on November 30, December 1 and December 11.

Many demonstrators and journalists were beaten by truncheons, and a number were seriously injured.

These events have caused massive protests and general strikes throughout Ukraine which continue today.

Ukraine's authorities have demonstrated their disregarded for the fundamental human rights of Ukraine's citizens, and the rule of law.

To date, no one has been brought to justice for the bloody crackdowns and serious human rights violations continue with the intimidation of journalists, students and civil society leaders.

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the Parliament of Canada to:

1. stand with the Ukrainian people during this difficult time and continue to forcefully oppose all efforts to repress their rights and freedoms;
2. monitor developments closely and utilize all options at Canada's disposal; and
3. work with like-minded countries to impose personal sanctions against those individuals, their family members and associates who are responsible for human rights violations, criminal activity or corrupt business practices in Ukraine.

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