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UCCA, Razom, and JBANC respond to Administration “Aggressor State” Proposal

Washington, D.C. — In response to the proposal by the Biden Administration to introduce legislation that would designate Russia as an Aggressor State Responsible for a Campaign of Terror Against Civilians in Ukraine (ASRCTACU), the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Joint Baltic American National Committee, and Razom issued the following statement:

The Biden Administration’s newly proposed “Aggressor State” designation for Russia is a damaging concept that undermines current congressional efforts to support Ukraine.

Russia is engaged currently in a full-scale, ruthless war and genocide against Ukraine and its people. This new proposed designation would do nothing to change Russian actions, to seize Russian state assets, or to meaningfully hold Russia’s government accountable, and simply relies on Executive Branch discretion to determine when Russia’s aggression against Ukraine ends.

We, the undersigned, fear that this “Aggressor State” proposed designation sets the groundwork for easing sanctions and returning frozen assets to war criminals as part of premature negotiations with Russia.

At a time of strong bipartisanship in Congress, shown through the consideration of multiple supportive pieces of legislation such as the NDAA, supplemental funding, and recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as genocide, this new designation both undercuts Congressional efforts to support Ukraine and is not in the national security interests of either Ukraine or the United States. While the US Government, Congress, and President Biden have done much to support Ukraine, the “Aggressor State” proposal is counterproductive and should not be adopted.

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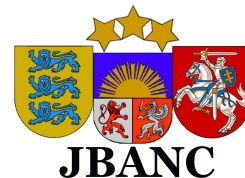
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