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To the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dear Hon Penny Wong,

We strongly agree with all points of your speech to the United Nations on September, 24. It is of vital importance for all of us to consider the possible impacts of any further escalations of the current tense situation between nations and act accordingly.

The invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army created a worldwide humanitarian crisis. Millions of people had to leave their home in fear of being tortured, raped and killed. Many countries experience shortages and growing prices for commodities, fuel, and food, and the situation can deteriorate soon, as winter is coming to the northern hemisphere. Even here in Australia we all have seen the economic impact of this war.

Putin's government intentionally uses all these factors to spark tensions between countries and manipulate public opinion. The Russian diplomatic missions in many countries collect information on antiwar activists and ignite pro-Putin sentiment. Their agents of influence in many countries, including Australia, use conspiracy narratives (like the antivax movement, QAnon and others) to back actions of the Kremlin.

Our team has investigated and revealed some prominent branches of their propaganda in Australia. We have summarised our findings in a documentary (in Russian) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2KLV7ZQAyc> with a full transcript in English available on https://www.svoboda.org.au/3H_Video/ZVO_En.html. We - Russian Australians - are deeply concerned with this behaviour that we think is inappropriate for diplomatic missions as it deteriorates the cohesion and integrity of the Australian society.

We call upon the Australian government to expel Russian diplomats for their lies and propaganda. Since the beginning of the year, we have seen that Russia is not going to abide by any formal agreements or treaties, which makes the presence of the Russian ambassador in Australia even more questionable.

We will be happy to present and discuss our findings if you consider that necessary.

Yours sincerely,
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