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Mr Dean Haydon  
Senior National Coordinator for Counter Terrorism Policing  
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Dear Mr Haydon

We were appalled to read over the weekend that the Counter Terrorism Policing unit has listed a tattoo depicting the National coat of arms of Ukraine, the [Trident / Tryzub](#), as a sign or symbol of an extremist or terrorist group.

We fully support the representations already made to you by the Embassy of Ukraine and also call on you to immediately review and remove the one thousand year old Ukrainian Trident symbol from your extremist/terrorist list.

The logo of our UK based organisation has included the Trident within its design for over 70 years. Are we now to remove it because the police and its close partners, including schools, are being trained to deem the symbol as criminal or terrorist?

Placing the Ukrainian Trident alongside the symbols of extremist groups can only be viewed as a highly offensive racial slur against all Ukrainians, including the many British born Ukrainians living in this country, many of whom are members of our organisation.

We demand that the Tryzub is removed from the list and that you issue an unreserved apology to all those of Ukrainian heritage living and working in the UK for the inference that the Ukrainian National coat of arms is a sign or symbol of extremism/terrorism.

We are copying this letter to the Home Secretary, the Ambassador of Ukraine to the UK and to the Chair of All Party Parliamentary Group on Ukraine.

Yours sincerely

  
Petro Rewko  
Chair

  
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CEO

cc. Secretary of State for the Home Department, The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP

Ambassador of Ukraine to the UK, HE Natalia Galibarenko  
Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Ukraine, The Rt Hon John  
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