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The commemorative events “Requiem-2002: Face the Truth!” are scheduled to take place on September 15-16, 2002, in Washington, DC and other cities across the US and Europe. They are organized by the Gongadze Foundation and the Forum of Ukrainian Students in America, with the support of the Ukrainian student organizations in Western and Central Europe.

Reuiem-2002 will commemorate two years since the disappearance and murder of the Ukrainian journalist Georgiy Gongadze. It is also a tribute to the Ukrainian journalists and political activists, who perished over the last decade while performing their professional activities. The goal of the events is to draw public attention to the suppression of freedom and democracy in Ukraine, and to the reluctance of the Ukrainian authorities to investigate crimes against the independent political activists.

The events will include memorial services in Ukrainian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, and Ukrainian Catholic churches across the United States on the morning of September 15th; meeting-requiem and candlelight vigil at Taras Shevchenko’s National Park (22nd and P streets) in Washington, DC, on September 15th from 6 to 9 p.m.; an open letter to the President of the United States George W. Bush, and student rallies in front of Ukrainian Embassies and Consulates in Washington, DC, New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Berlin, Prague on September 16th. Meeting-requiem is supported by the Freedom House and the Committee to Protect Journalists. Its expected participants include representatives of the U.S. Congress, the international human rights organizations, and American and Ukrainian political and civic activists.

Please join us to make these commemorative events possible. Your participation and contribution is critical and will be sincerely appreciated. Only together we are able to protect democratic freedoms in Ukraine. In such a way we will fulfill our obligation to those, who gave their lives trying to make Ukraine free.

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