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**Appeal**  
**of the representatives of academic community, NGOs, human rights organization of**  
**Ukraine to academic community and constitutional democracies**  
**on counteracting the war started by the Russian Federation and the Republic of**  
**Belarus against Ukraine**

**Dear colleagues, partners, friends,**

On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched an open military attack on Ukraine. The Republic of Belarus has secured the deployment of the armed forces of the Russian Federation on its territory, provided an opportunity to attack Ukraine from the Ukrainian-Belarusian border and is directly shelling the territory of Ukraine.

For the twelfth day, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus have been openly and grossly violating the principles and norms of international law and committing war crimes and crimes against humanity. Troops of the invaders have been using weapons of mass destruction, brutally hitting the objects of economic and civil infrastructure - schools, nursery schools, hospitals, research institutions, universities and residential areas in Zhytomyr, Melitopol, Mariupol, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Irpin, Bucha, Gostomel and other cities, towns and villages of Ukraine.

Since Thursday, February 24, 2022, more than 2,000 civilians have been killed, including 79 children. More 100 children were injured. Our fellow scientists died, including Doctor of Economics, Professor Oleg Amosov and Doctor of Science in Public Administration Sergei Kravchenko.

As a result of the massive shelling of Kharkiv on March 1, 2022, the building V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University has been damaged. Chernihiv Polytechnic National University was damaged from the shelling on March 2, 2022.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians are leaving their homes and families to save lives.

Largely, the responsibility for such actions of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus lies on their academic communities, since their tacit consent and possibly participation led to the establishment of weapons systems, as well as to the provision of ideological support for the criminal ideas of their political leaders.

In order to support the fight against state terrorism of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, their criminal activities, we ask you to stop cooperation with scientific institutions, educational institutions of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, as well as all forms of scientific cooperation with Russian and Belarusian scientists. We appeal to you asking you to:

terminate the membership of the representative institutions of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in international organizations;

stop indexing their scientific journals, books, conference proceedings in databases;

exclude Russian and Belarusian scholars from scientific and editorial boards of international periodicals;

prohibit the publication of papers by Russian and Belarusian authors in your academic journals;

prevent access to information resources on the territory of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus;

exclude higher education institutions of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus from the international rankings of higher education institutions;

ban the participation of Russian and Belarusian scholars in scientific congresses, symposia, conferences, round tables and other scientific events;

Suspend and prohibit grant funding for projects of scientific, educational institutions, scholars and educators of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus.

**Highly respected academic community!**

At the forefront of the struggle, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, all the people of Ukraine are heroically defending not only their state, but also the common good of all progressive humanity.

Join us in defending rights, freedoms and common European values!

This is the only way we can repel the aggressor and prevent similar events in other countries in the future!

Glory to the democratic world community!

Glory to Ukraine!

Glory to heroes!

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