

European ISC Members

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Letter in regards to the situation in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine is a nightmare in the heart of Europe, a crime without any rational justification and a flagrant violation of international law and the core principles on which the international rules-based order is built.

Russia's military attack against Ukraine is a brutal wake-up call. It is a reincarnation of an ancient evil from the past, attacking a nation that is wishing to choose its own way of development.

It is an extremely dangerous situation that may bring chaos to the entire world. It demonstrates that those who have chosen a peaceful and democratic path must have sufficient resources to protect themselves.

It also tells us that we need much more knowledge to identify, monitor and predict processes and decision-making chains in different cultures, and we need to learn how to react preventively to avoid such dreadful occurrences.

There is strength in unity. Alone we are weak against such attacks, but together we are invincible. The Academies cannot fight on the front line but they have a duty to provide the very best advice to their nations and governments.

In recognition of this mission, we call on all Academies across Europe to consider in their advice to their nations and governments the need to join forces to help Ukrainians in their fight for their own future, to use every possible action to weaken the positions of the aggressor, and to further develop an understanding of processes that may lead to escalations of this type.

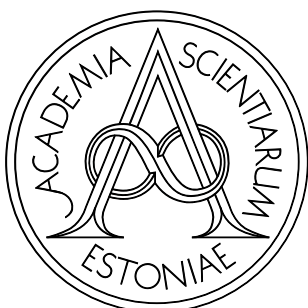
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