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Joint statement following special United Nations Associations Summit concerning the war in Ukraine

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the utterly unacceptable and inhumane war waged by the leaders of the Russian Federation on Ukraine and its people. This act of aggression is a blatant violation of human rights, international humanitarian law, and the United Nations Charter. We echo the words of UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres - there is no space for such completely unjustified and unprovoked actions. We hereby call upon the leaders of the Russian Federation to withdraw troops from Ukrainian territory and restore peace and stability.

We strongly urge the global community to not be overcome by hatred, and we remain convinced that the Russian people want peace. In light of that, we reaffirm that radicalism, violence and aggressive nationalism shall not overshadow the goal of peaceful, as well as respectful coexistence of the whole humanity. De-escalation, diplomacy and a people-centred peace process are urgently required.

We emphasise the necessity for guaranteeing safe passage and shelter to the victims of the war and urge donating funds to humanitarian organizations, delivering aid to the zones of conflict. We also underline the crucial role of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, International Organisation for Migration and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in particular their field teams. We express our gratitude to the neighbouring countries of Ukraine for receiving civilians fleeing war, and we call on all countries to assist them. We pledge to seek additional funds among our organisations and our members.

In this difficult time, what provides real consolation is the united worldwide response in condemnation of violence and autocracy. It shows that even though one person chose war, the world wants peace.



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