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APEAL TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES AND INTELLECTUAL ELITES IN CONNECTION WITH RUSSIA'S AGGRESSION ON UKRAINE

On behalf of the institutions representing science and higher education and the undersigned institutions of science, we appeal to academic communities and intellectual elites to take all measures aimed at a peaceful ending of the escalating military aggression on Ukraine.

We respect and support the exemplary attitude of the anti-war protesters and the signatories of the Open Letter of Russian scientists and scientific journalists against the war with Ukraine published on 24 February 2022.

We believe that international scientific cooperation should be global and apolitical. Therefore, it cannot serve to support military activities of countries that threaten the existence of independent states.

Thus, we appeal to the Polish scientific community, Polish universities and units of the Polish Academy of Sciences to cease cooperation with any governmental organization of the Russian Federation or any other country that supports the Russian invasion of Ukraine, while ensuring our support and assistance for these scientists and members of the Russian academic community who oppose this aggression.

We believe that a necessary condition for further cooperation of scientific communities must be mutual trust, respect for academic values and peaceful use of the results of joint research, as well as unequivocal recognition of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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