



Dear colleagues!

Dear friends!

Today Ukraine is suffering from brutal, open and large-scale aggression and terror by the Russian Federation in our territory.

Aggressor's troops attack Ukraine's cities; civilian population, houses, kindergartens, schools, universities are under shelling. These actions are absolutely unacceptable in the 21st century and have already endangered the existence of the democratic world.

Ukrainian education and science are no exception to the illegal behaviour of the Russian Federation, they need the support and tough response of the European and international community to fight the aggressor.

Since 2014, when Ukraine and Ukrainians have reaffirmed their civilized European and Euro-Atlantic choices, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has been implementing a number of key reforms in school, higher education, VET, R&D sector. Undoubtedly, it would have been extremely difficult for us to implement these qualitative transformations without partner support. All gained achievements have laid solid foundation for irreversible changes in line with Ukraine's European integration commitments.

It is crucial for Ukrainian educational and scientific community to have strong support from our partners. That's why we ask you to stay shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine in our difficult struggle for independence and rebuff the bold actions of Russian aggressor.

The international community overwhelmingly condemned Russia's military invasion, using a mechanism of "destructive sanctions" that provide isolation and maximum restrictions.

Therefore, I ask you to officially condemn the actions of the Russian Federation in your speeches and statements and express your support for Ukraine.

In addition, I appeal to you immediately:



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to impose severe restrictions on educational and scientific activities of institutions and organizations of the aggressor country;

to prohibit access of scientific and educational institutions of the Russian Federation, their employees and students to international sources of financing, academic mobility programs, any forms of cooperation in the field of education and science;

to stop the implementation of joint educational, scientific, research programs and projects;

to suspend investment and grant support for the implementation of educational and research projects with the participation of representatives of the aggressor country;

to review the cooperation policy with Ministry of science and higher education of the Russian Federation, Ministry of education of the Russian Federation and relevant public authorities of those states, which have supported Russian armed invasion to Ukraine.

We kindly ask you to express your unity with Ukraine on the inadmissibility of such actions and to condemn the violation of the principles of peace and democracy.

Sincerely and with the hope on support!

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