

CHILDREN'S DOCTORS AGAINST THE WAR: CALL FOR ACTION NOW

Brussels, April 12, 2022

Almost seven weeks have passed since the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine. Despite 141 countries voting in the UN General Assembly for the Russian army to stop fighting and withdraw from another sovereign country, Ukraine, the fighting is increasingly bloody and brutal. The war has led to 4.8 million people including about 2 million children fleeing from their homes and becoming refugees. According to the UNICEF 4.3 million Ukrainian children are displaced. There are 183 children confirmed killed including 18 months old infant in Mariupol. Most of child fatalities result from attacks from the air or with rockets. We stand together with Ukrainian children, families and the heroic medical and nursing staff calling for the action now:

- **we ask the governments of our countries to do more to ensure the safety of children in Ukraine, to stop the war and first of all to stop rockets and bombs attacks on civil infrastructure of Ukraine;**
- **we ask Russian paediatricians and especially leaders of paediatric organizations in Russia to express clear and loud position against the war in Ukraine and to do everything in their power to stop the war;**
- **we confirm once again solidarity and professional support for children's doctors and nurses in Ukraine.**

Our voices are stronger than rockets and bombs! Slava Ukraine!

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Prof. Risto Lapatto, Helsinki, Finland, on behalf of Paediatric Section of Finnish Medical Association

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Dr. Shimon Barak, Jerusalem, Israel, on behalf of Israeli Ambulatory Pediatric Association and European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians (ECPCP)

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Prof. Marielle Pijnenburg, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on behalf of Paediatric Assembly of European Respiratory Society (ERS)

Prof. Jeffrey Goldhagen, Jacksonville, USA, on behalf of International Society for Social Pediatrics

Dr. Hans Juergen Dornbusch, Graz, Austria, on behalf of Austrian National Society for Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

Prof. Yıldız Camcioğlu, Ankara, Turkey, on behalf of Turkish National Pediatric Society

Dr. Aida Mujkic, Zagreb, Croatia, on behalf of Croatian Pediatric Society

Prof. Leonid Dubey, Lviv, Ukraine, on behalf of Ukrainian Academy of Paediatrics (UAP-SMS)

Dr. Mark Buttigieg, Gozo, Malta, on behalf of Maltese Paediatric Association

Prof. Yvan Vanderplas, Brussels, Belgium, on behalf of Belgian Society of Pediatrics

Prof. Jonathan D. Klein, Chicago, USA, on behalf of International Association for Adolescent Health

Prof. Marina Mamenko, Kyiv, Ukraine, on behalf of Ukrainian Academy of Paediatric Specialities (UAPs)

Dr. Sofia Sani, Athens, Greece, on behalf of Union of Private Practice Paediatricians of Attica

Prof. Ninel Revenco, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, on behalf of Moldavian Pediatric Society

Dr. Serge Allard, Luxembourg, on behalf of Société Luxembourgeoise de Pédiatrie

Prof. Maia Chkhaidze, Tbilisi, Georgia, on behalf of Georgian Academy of Pediatrics

Assoc. Prof. Nebojša Kavarič, Podgorica, Montenegro, on behalf of Association for Preventive Pediatrics

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Prof. Ivane Chkhaidze, Tbilisi, Georgia, on behalf of Pediatric Section of Georgian Respiratory Association

Prof. Justine Bacchetta, Lyon, France, on behalf of Société Francophone de Néphrologie Pédiatrique

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Prof. Zachi Grossman, Tel Aviv, Israel, on behalf of Israel Pediatric Association

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Prof. Doina Anca Pleşca, Bucharest, Romania, on behalf of Romanian Pediatric Society

Prof. Inês Azevedo, Lisbon, Portugal, on behalf of Pediatric Portuguese Society

Prof. Ivan Litvinenko, Sofia, Bulgaria, on behalf of Bulgarian Pediatric Association

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Dr. László Gárdos, Budapest, Hungary, on behalf of Hungarian Pediatric Association

Dr. Rene Hrdlicka on behalf of Czech Pediatric Society

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Signatures were collected within 36 hrs starting from March 10, statistics of war victims are renewed

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