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## **International Society for Vaccines Statement of Solidarity with Ukraine**

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The International Society for Vaccines stands in solidarity with our members and colleagues in Ukraine, their family and friends, and the international scientific community in defense of their democratic sovereign state and freedom. We strongly condemn the unprovoked military attacks on Ukraine which are fundamental breaches of international law and the UN Charter, express our concern regarding the unfolding humanitarian crisis, and pledge our support for the citizens of Ukraine.

We also declare our support for the scientists in Russia who oppose this unprovoked aggression and who should not be isolated and ostracized by the rest of the world for political actions where they are innocent bystanders.

We join the pleas of other professional societies, academic institutions and individuals around the globe in calling for the Russian Leadership to come together to immediate halt to all hostilities and negotiate in good faith to protect the fundamentals of peace, democracy and international cross-border collaboration which underpin scientific progress intended for the benefit of all mankind. The current military action against Ukraine threatens science on a global scale, not only in those countries most impacted.

The ISV wholeheartedly endorses the sentiments expressed in the following statements:

[International Science Council Statement](#)

[Joint Statement by the National Academies of the G7 States on Russia's Attack on Ukraine](#)

and the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1113152>

We remain committed to supporting the international community of vaccine scientists. Our thoughts and sympathy are with our Ukrainian and Russian colleagues and friends, as we call for an immediate halt to all violence and a restoration of global peace.

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Sincerely,

The Officers and Board Members of the International Society for Vaccines