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Russia's invasion of Ukraine: Announcement of the Senate of the University of Cyprus

The Senate of the University of Cyprus is appalled by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, expresses solidarity with the Russian citizens who voice their opposition to it, and stands with the suffering Ukrainian people. A European, independent, and democratic country is being destroyed, thus plunging Europe, and the world in general, into uncertainty and fear. This must not be tolerated.

As an intellectual institution, we uphold the hard-won European values of peace, dialogue, and mutual respect, instilled in our continent after two world wars. No violent enforcement of power should be allowed. As an academic institution of a country that is itself a victim of invasion and continuous occupation, we feel more strongly the need to protest against one state's aggression towards another. We must not allow such cruel and barbarous acts to prevail. We remain faithful to the European ideals of peace, freedom of speech, and dialogue and we call on all democratic voices to defend them. We stand with Ukraine.

End of announcement