



## **WAU Steering Committee Statement against the Russian Invasion of Ukraine**

The World Anthropological Union recognises the diversity of perspectives of its members, institutional and individual. As an organisation, the WAU condemns violence, loss of human life and attacks on sovereignty. The WAU Steering Committee is stunned by the ongoing Russian Federation's invasion of the sovereign territory of Ukraine, adding to other forms of imperial violence and military assault in Somalia, Syria, Palestine, Yemen and elsewhere.

We recognise that a tense and problematic historical relationship has existed between Ukraine and Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union. However, such an act of military aggression is uncalled for and should be condemned. All issues should be sorted out peacefully without harm to human beings. The heart-wrenching news of deaths of civilians and innocent children is enough to raise a voice for stopping this war with immediate effect and without any further loss of life.

The Steering Committee stands with the people of Ukraine and all those who do not support this mindless action, including Russian dissenters. We anthropologists join academic communities around the world to make an appeal to stop this violence and to prevent further human suffering and environmental damage.

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