

**JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE WORLD'S ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC ACADEMIES
AND DIPLOMATIC TRAINING INSTITUTIONS
ON THE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

The undersigned - leaders and representatives of the world's accredited diplomatic academies and diplomatic training institutions, hereinafter jointly referred to as "**the Diplomatic Training Institutions**";

ACKNOWLEDGING the need for a peaceful resolution of conflicts;

RECOGNISING the importance of the use of diplomacy and diplomatic tools for this purpose;

RESPECTING the principles of independence and territorial integrity enshrined in the UN Charter;

have issued the following joint statement:

As the Diplomatic Training Institutions, our mission is to educate our students to use diplomacy to foster cooperation and to resolve conflicts between nations and states by means of diplomatic tools. The Diplomatic Training Institutions condemn any aggression that leads to armed conflict, human rights violations, bloodshed, and the suffering of civilians. Thus, as the Diplomatic Training Institutions from all around the world, by this joint statement, we strongly condemn the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and we call for immediate withdrawal from any military operations in and against Ukraine conducted by the Russian Federation and its allied Belarus. We also urge meaningful peace negotiations between Ukraine and the Russian Federation, respecting Ukraine's right to democracy and territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.

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