



Taiwanese Society of International Law Statement on the Russian Federation's Invasion of Ukraine

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The Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine by military forces violates Paragraph 4 Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations which enshrines that all member states shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. The Taiwanese Society of International Law strongly condemns such aggression.

We support the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of 2 March 2022 calling on the Russian Federation to withdraw its troops from Ukraine immediately, reminding the Russian Federation that it should abide by the norms of international humanitarian and human rights laws, including the Hague Conventions and the Geneva Conventions, and effectively complying with the restrictive norms of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons. No political reason can exempt the Russian Federation from legal liability under international law.

We believe that the Russian Federation should comply with the requests of the European Court of Human Rights for interim measures and refrain from attacking civilians, homes, classrooms, hospitals, etc., to ensure the protections of the rights to life, freedom from torture and the right to family life.

We call on both sides to resolve disputes by peaceful means, abide by international norms and maintain the stability of the international order. The two Governments should give priority to the immediate provisions of humanitarian assistance and resettlement to civilians affected by armed conflicts, and to immediately restore international peace and security.

We also note that every military conflict has a serious impact on nature and the environment of which polluting soils, forests, water, and air leaving behind a toxic legacy will be extended to future generations. We therefore urge that when peace comes, civil society organizations, including environmental organizations, must be included to address the ecological damage caused by conflicts. With full respect for UN Security Council Resolution 1325 equal participation of women should also be fulfilled.