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With regard to the military attack of the Russian Federation on Ukraine, the Presidency of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts makes a

STATEMENT

To respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of a state is indispensable condition for maintaining peace and safety in international relations. We regret to state that, with peace being disrupted, these political principles and norms of justice and of the international law have been severely violated in Ukraine.

Such demonstration of force represents a great threat to peace and safety in Europe and the world. We find unacceptable the disputable issues and problems in Ukraine or anywhere else to be resolved by means of war, using military force. Therefore, we support all efforts to unite in a joint endeavor of establishing and safeguarding peace.

We regret all the victims of this war and sympathize with the suffering of the citizens of Ukraine. We believe that the democratic international community and its institutions will make prudent influence in bringing these tragic developments to an end.

The overall historical memory of Montenegro attests its struggle for freedom, always fought against the more powerful one. Lesson learnt from that experience is that the greatness is not always strength and that the power is not always justice. Thus, it is in the very tradition of Montenegro to support those who defend their home and their state, as well as the right to freely decide about their own future.

The Presidency of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts declares support to the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and joins the appeal of other national academies and international academic associations for the preservation of the state integrity and cultural identity of Ukraine.

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