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Dear President Anatoly Zagorodny,
Dear Vice Presidents,

Personally and in the name of the German Research Foundation I would like to express our deep dismay and concerns regarding Russia's assault on Ukraine, that costs many lives and destructs towns and cities. With great distress we learned that also several institutes of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine have been damaged. We are shocked to hear about the tragical loss of Academy members and would like to offer our sincere condolences.

We fully support the German Federal Government's consistent reaction and condemn the current military attack on Ukraine. As a result, the DFG is suspending all its institutional activities with Russia. Funding proposals for new collaborative projects and renewal proposals for ongoing projects will not be accepted until further notice.

At the same time, we are currently developing rapid response measures to support Ukrainian scientists and researchers, like appropriate funding opportunities for refugee researchers. As for the longstanding institutional relationship between our organisations we would like to get in touch with you personally as soon as possible in order to explore instruments of special aid to support the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Ukrainian scientific community.

In these days our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you and all the people of Ukraine.

With warmest regards and best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Becker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

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