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To: ISC President
Professor P.Gluckman

Dear President Gluckman,

At this difficult time for Ukraine and the entire Ukrainian people, we are deeply touched by your support and condemnation of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine.

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine is grateful to the International Scientific Council and its members for their support and solidarity. It is extremely important for us to realize that the war launched by Russia against Ukraine finds an adequate assessment of the world's scientific community. The civilized world must stop the aggressor. Your support strengthens our faith in victory.

The tragic events in Ukraine, caused by baseless, a large-scale armed invasion of the Russian Federation troops into the territory of our country on February 24 this year, aroused the sympathy and response of the scientific community around the world. International scientific organizations, research centers, foreign academies of sciences, including members of the International Scientific Council, strongly condemned the aggressive war against a peaceful country and expressed their support for the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and all the people of Ukraine.

The entire civilized world, the entire international community were shocked by the recent atrocities and terrible murders of civilians in the Ukrainian cities of Bucha, Irpin, Gostomel, which are now being investigated by international law enforcement agencies as war crimes and crimes against humanity. This once again proves that an aggressive war is going on in Ukraine, and not a local conflict.

In view of such understanding of events in Ukraine many world-known scientific centers and organizations (for example, the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), European Centre for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas (ECT*), Max Planck Society, French Academy of Sciences, etc.) have stopped cooperation with scientific organizations of Russia.

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the Ukrainian scientific community consider it unacceptable to use the terms “**conflict in Ukraine**” to define an aggressive war in Ukraine. This formulation equalizes the responsibility of the parties due to the unprovoked war of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which is not true. We hope that the presence of this term in the Joint letter of the ISC to its members dated April 6, 2022 is erroneous in view of your wording (Russia’s invasion of Ukraine) in your letter in “Nature”.

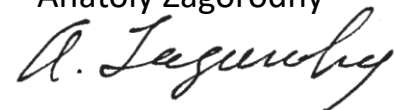
There is no doubt that science must be politically independent. But the war that kills civilians, children included, the war in which the aggressor tests novel weaponry and uses weapons of mass destruction against peaceful communities and social infrastructure is no politics at all.

Science does not have boundaries but it does have values, human morality and generally accepted norms of modern civilization. And no organization that declares the adherence to humanistic ideals and principles can neglect such acts of barbarity, violence and genocide.

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine calls on the international scientific community, the entire world community to give a proper assessment of the atrocities of the Russian invaders against the independent, democratic state of Ukraine and against its civilian population.

We call on the International Scientific Council to show solidarity with the scientific community and suspend the membership of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the ISC. We hope that such a decision will fully comply with the fundamental principles and mission of the International Scientific Council, will find broad support from scientists, and will also contribute to peace and progress as well as the end of the war in Ukraine.

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