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### To: The Ukrainian Medical Association

Prof. Oleg Musiy President of the Ukrainian Medical Association (UMA)

Prof. Svitlana Yaremchuk Secretary of the Ukrainian Medical Association (UMA)

### Cc: The Ukrainian Ministry of Health

### The UEMS Constituency

Re: Letter of support to our Ukrainian colleagues

Dear Prof. Oleg Musiy, Dear Prof. Svitlana Yaremchuk, Dear Colleagues,

With this letter, we want to express our deep concern and sadness at the conflict instigated by the Russian Federation in Ukraine. We strongly condemn this violation of the Ukrainian territory and Russian aggression, and we stand by you during this most difficult time.

As the organisation representing the unified voice of medical specialists in Europe, we want to stress that it is imperative that medical specialists, but also all doctors, nurses and first aid responders continue to perform their duties. It is therefore crucial that their safety be safeguarded. We also strongly defend that access to healthcare must be maintained for all patients in need of assistance.



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On behalf of the UEMS and its entire constituency, we want you to know that we are committed to supporting you in any way we can. We are appalled by the current situation and cannot put into words how deeply upset and worried we are for our Ukrainian colleagues and the Ukrainian population.

Please know that you can count on our unconditional support and do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Vassilios Papalois UEMS President

Dr João Grenho UEMS Secretary General