

**Statement by the Jagiellonian Law Society  
on the Situation in Ukraine  
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The Jagiellonian Law Society unequivocally condemns the unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. We denounce this blatant violation of the territorial integrity of Ukraine, a sovereign and independent state whose people have the right to self-determination and whose people democratically elected the current government. Furthermore, we strongly condemn the ongoing attacks targeting civilians, resulting in the unfolding refugee and humanitarian crisis and the massive infrastructural, economic, and environmental destruction in Ukraine. Finally, we strongly condemn recognition by the Russian Federation of the so-called “self-proclaimed” separatist “republics” of Donetsk and Luhansk.

The Russian military invasion of Ukraine is in complete violation of the modern international laws and Articles 1(1) and 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations, which have been the bedrock of international relations since WWII. Therefore, we call upon the Russian Federation to immediately withdraw its military forces from Ukraine and comply with its obligations under international law.

We also call all members of the United Nations and all member states of the European Union to condemn the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus for participating in this unlawful aggression and impose meaningful sanctions against both. Furthermore, we ask the UN to take urgent action to stop this ongoing aggression and prosecute those responsible for war crimes being committed against Ukrainian civilians.

