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## STATEMENT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS IN FAVOR OF PEACE

On behalf of the members of the Executive Board of the European Council of Civil Engineers, we express our condemnation about the ongoing deadly conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

We consider it unacceptable that one country grants itself the sovereign right to shape the borders of another sovereign country. The European Council of Civil Engineers has been developing cooperation with partners from Eastern Europe and we want to strengthen it. Both, Ukrainian and Russian civil engineers with whom we share a common history and past experiences, as well as the same challenges of the present and the future are represented in our organization.

We believe that the civil engineering community must be united and raise its voice against this war and for the restoration of peace. Civil Engineers embrace and support the need for promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, for sustainable development, access to justice and strong institutions at all levels (SDG16).

We declare our solidarity to all colleagues and people that are affected by the current political situation and we extend our plea for peace. We must choose peace!

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