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LETTER OF SOLIDARITY

The Black Sea University Network was established to promote interuniversity collaboration and understanding among the numerous Universities in the Black Sea Region.

We express our deep concern for the ongoing situation in Ukraine, which threatens the safety of colleagues and students in several Higher Education Institutions that are members of our network.

We express our solidarity to the entire academic community of Ukraine in these very difficult moments, professors, students, and staff, as well as to all the citizens of the country who are in the line of fire.

We firmly condemn the military aggression and appeal for the cessation of hostilities and all actions necessary to restore a peaceful dialogue in the region.

These days, more than ever, we have to look to what we have in common and not to what divides us.

Mutual respect and collaboration must represent the essential values for re-establishing peace in our region.

We support our colleagues from Ukraine and we hope that our appeal shall be taken into consideration by the decision-makers and the civil society.

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