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Dear colleagues!

The Ukrainian scientific and educational community are appealing to you for support!

At 5 o'clock in the morning on February 24, 2022 the Russian Federation carried out an insidious and absolutely shameful military attack on Ukraine! Our country has been enduring massive bombing, shelling and invasion by troops. According to the real-time data, the Russians have killed 352 civilians, including 14 children, and wounded 1684 civilians, including 116 children, and these numbers are growing. The President of the Russian Federation is threatening the world with nuclear weapons, which are likely to start World War III.

The war in Ukraine is a war in European Union. It is a danger to sustainable development and ecology for all countries in Europe, not only for Ukraine.

Ukraine, together with its armed forces and courageous citizens, is resisting with the support of the entire civilized world, which is imposing unprecedented sanctions aimed at completely isolating the Russian aggressor. Therefore, the progressive world scientific community should not stand aside, but should join this struggle of Ukrainian citizens for the peaceful existence not only of Ukraine, but also of the entire democratic world.

In the 21st century, your worthy response to tanks, volley fire systems and missiles is to close access to high technology, innovation, research and complete isolation of information support from Russian researchers. It is impossible to continue further international cooperation with the aggressor.

Therefore we appeal to:

- block access to all scientometric databases and materials of scientific publishing houses for citizens and institutions of the Russian Federation;
- block further funding research and educational projects within the EU funds supporting the Russian Federation and other countries which supports its action;
- prevent the participation of scientists affiliated with Russian institutions and research institutions of the Russian Federation in international grant programs funded by the European Union and other partners;
- suspend the participation of researchers, students and institutions from the Russian Federation in current programs of international academic mobility;

- boycott attempts to hold scientific events in the middle of the Russian Federation (in particular, scientific conferences, symposiums, etc.);
- suspend the indexation of scientific publications published in the Russian Federation in all scientometric databases;
- prohibit citizens of the Russian Federation from being editors / co-editors / reviewers of international publications;
- prevent the publication of scientific works of Russian scientists under the conditions of their affiliation in Russian scientific or educational institutions;
- discontinue maintenance of existing research equipment and supply new ones.

We call on to urgently suspend all kinds of international collaboration with Russian public higher education institutions and research centers on the systematic and institutional level, to stop funding research and educational projects with the Russian institutions, to suspend membership in the international organization until the war would be stopped.

We are convinced that such decisive actions will encourage the scientific community and the proactive population of the Russian Federation to stop this shameful military aggression against all civilized humanity.

Without your unity with the Ukrainian nation today tomorrow may not happen!

Sincerely,

Chairman of the Committee Serhiy BABAK

and all members of the Committee



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