

**Dear Friends and Colleagues wherever you are:
Today we want to unite in support of the Ukrainian people.**

ESGENA strongly condemns the military attack on Ukraine. We are deeply concerned about the health of the people in the affected war zones. We are dismayed by the humanitarian crisis and the loss of life on both sides. Peace and freedom are the basis for health and well-being. War brings destruction, causing great suffering and damage to health that lasts for many years and affects all generations.

In Ukraine, nurses, physicians and other health care workers are on the front line. They risk their lives to protect their patients, support the civil population and work under the most difficult conditions. They need all the support they can get.

Humanitarian aid has been organized in many European countries. ESGENA calls on all members to support humanitarian organizations so that Ukraine can be supplied with essential goods and medical equipment. The neighbourhood countries of Ukraine, which offer refugees a first shelter and make it logistically possible for Ukraine to be supplied, also deserve our solidarity and our support.

In accordance with the Geneva Conventions, which enshrine the protection of health workers, it is our hope that no one will be prevented from providing medical or humanitarian assistance that many are currently in need of. Any attack on health facilities and aid organizations is an affront to humanity.

Our thoughts are with all people involved in the conflict in Ukraine, including our nurses, physicians and all health care workers who are risking their lives. We are certain that the political leaders in Europe will do everything in their power to restore peace, freedom and stability in the region as quickly as possible.

Let's stand together in solidarity and support for Ukraine, the fellow citizens and our colleagues.

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