



## Joint statement: Support for Ukrainian Pediatric Surgeons

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Dear members of the Ukrainian Pediatric Surgical Association,

The ongoing crisis in Ukraine is extremely upsetting as we closely follow the events unfold in this unimaginable tragedy. Members of our Associations have expressed their solidarity with people of Ukraine in this challenging and difficult time.

We are unanimous in strongly condemning the military actions against civilians and the unjustified loss of innocent lives.

Our Associations are united in offering all possible assistance to Ukrainian children requiring surgical management through our network of hospitals across the frontline bordering countries, and beyond in specialized Centers throughout Europe. We remain in constant contact with them and have pledged assistance if required.

We admire the courage of our Ukrainian Pediatric Surgical colleagues in providing emergency treatment under severe material constraints and unimaginable working conditions. We hold in high esteem your commitment and dedication to unselfishly work under such arduous circumstances.

The disruptions caused to your lives is immensely worrying, and at this time our thoughts and prayers also go out to the safety and well-being of your families and loved ones. We sincerely hope that all efforts being pursued bring an immediate end to this horrific calamity.

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