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Ukrainian Association of Cardiology

Prof. Dr. Volodymyr Kovalenko

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Dear Professor Kovalenko,

The DGK follows with horror and dismay the inconceivable and military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which is contrary to international law. We support the demand of the German Federal Government and the European Union for an immediate cessation of all hostilities in order to avert further endless suffering and destruction. At the same time, the DGK fully supports Ukraine's demand for freedom and self-determination.

We expressly declare our solidarity with all citizens of Ukraine and especially with our colleagues. Furthermore, we call on our members to support humanitarian and medical aid for Ukraine and propose to use organisations such as the United Nations (UNHRC) or the International Red Cross (ICRC) for quick and effective humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

The DGK asks our colleagues from the Ukrainian Association of Cardiology to indicate how additional non-material or material aid can be arranged for Ukraine in this terrible situation - we will do our utmost to implement further support and aid quickly.

We sincerely hope that this war will end instantaneously and wish for rapid reinitiating our scientific and educational exchange.

We will express our solidarity with Ukraine in all publications and through the DGK social media channels as well as during our annual scientific meeting in Mannheim in April.

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