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## AN APPEAL FROM THE UKRAINIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO THE GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY AND ALL INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS, REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION OF PROTECTION FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE FROM ANNIHILATION

## Dear colleagues,

The history of humanity bears witness to numerous tragedies that led to the disappearance of entire nations, ethnic groups, and even civilizations, often as a result of catastrophes and cataclysms, some of which remain unexplained or unjustified. Throughout history, there have been instances of genocide that cannot be justified, such as the extermination of Jews by the Nazi regime. The world succeeded in stopping this crime against humanity, and today, anti-Semitism is condemned by the international community through the adoption of relevant UN documents. Ukraine stands in defense of the rights and safety of this and other nations, opposing all forms of terrorism.

On October 7, 2023, the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, signed the law "On Prevention and Counteraction to Anti-Semitism in Ukraine" No. 1770-IX, which was adopted by the Verkhovna Rada on September 22. The press service of the President's Office reports that: "The document aims to create a legislative mechanism for combating anti-Semitism in Ukraine and preventing its manifestations to protect human rights and prevent cases of xenophobia, racism, and discrimination. The implementation of this law will contribute to the further strengthening of the culture of tolerance in Ukrainian society."

It is noted that Zelensky's support for this law "demonstrates the consistent position of the President and our state regarding the prevention of such a shameful phenomenon as anti-Semitism in Ukraine."

Meanwhile, Ukraine itself has become the target of cynical, unjustified, systemic destruction of its peaceful population under the guise of fighting terrorism. For over 10 years, the russians have been killing Ukrainians, destroying the economy, and deporting hundreds of thousands of children from Ukraine to russia. About 10 million Ukrainians have emigrated abroad, and no fewer have been forced to leave their homes due to the fighting and are now in evacuation, their whereabouts unknown.

The targeted, overt extermination of Ukrainians and senseless destructions are referred to by russian President V. Putin as a "special operation." On October 12, 2023, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution condemning the attempt to annex the occupied territories of Ukraine.

russian authorities claim that the army does not attack civilian objects. However, russian aviation, missile forces, the fleet, and artillery daily shell all Ukrainian cities and villages. Residential buildings and civilian infrastructure across Ukraine, including the nuclear energy system, are being destroyed. Additionally, there is the abuse of civilians, prisoners, and journalists.

In his speech on the war between Israel and Palestine, French President E. Macron, as an expert, said: "War can be ruthless, but not without rules...". His words are important, but for contemporary Ukraine, whose people have died for centuries and continue to die today, the longstanding concern is not enough...

Every war is an injustice, treachery, bloodshed, and murders that can never, by anyone or any legislation, be justified. War violates religious commandments written for billions of people, including Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, and others.

Ukraine remembers the painful, periodic flare-ups of the "russian" disease of vandalism and barbarism, which is shown not only through direct physical destruction but also through famines that have killed millions of Ukrainians over four centuries. By using our intellect and resources for its aggressive goals, including actions abroad, russia seeks to dominate.

Today, according to preliminary estimates, 10-20% or more of officers and enlisted personnel in the russian military are assimilated Ukrainians. If Ukraine is captured by the russians, all Ukrainians, as always, will be forcibly mobilized under the threat of death to capture European states.

This insidious approach has been used by russians at various times: in wars in Afghanistan, with the Caucasian and European peoples, during and after the world wars.

russian aggression against Ukraine has a centuries-old, unjustifiable, systemic nature and requires global protection for Ukrainians and their state, which has been revived on democratic principles and transformed according to the legal canons of international law.

Indeed, European states are wary that a war with russia, involving partner states, could have global consequences that may provoke the onset of World War III. These and other circumstances determine the relevance and timeliness of solving this global humanitarian problem.

As is known, war is not only a tool for achieving certain aggressive goals from one side but also an intensive "accumulation" of crisis phenomena in various spheres of society, neglect of science, and the development of corruption from the other side. These circumstances determine the need to focus international efforts, primarily on a comprehensive study of the growing problem of interstate terrorism, identifying its causes, and finding ways to prevent aggressive actions and their peaceful resolution.

War, as we know, is accompanied by global negative phenomena, including:

• The irrational but effective "burning" of all kinds of resources, leading to catastrophic environmental pollution;

• The disruption of global economic stability and its components, such as currency, finance, banking activities, etc.;

• The intensification of fake activities, deception, and the development of corruption.

The impunity of russian terrorism contributes to its spread and the realization of unfair conclusions about the war, etc.

For reference: In addition to russia, the world leader in the number of terrorist attacks in 2016 was "Islamic State" (1132 attacks, with 9132 killed, 7723 wounded), followed by the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" or "Taliban" (848 attacks, 3583 killed, 3550 wounded), and "Al-Qaeda" with its affiliates (539 attacks, 1349 killed, 7723 wounded).

Overall, numerous terrorist acts occur daily worldwide, not always accounted for, except by local law enforcement. The ineffective influence of international institutions on the situation contributes to the spread of fake news, including claims that Ukrainians, in case of defeat in the war, might blow up all nuclear power plants. According to russian fakes, weakened Ukraine is supposedly targeted for takeover by Jews, etc.

These and other circumstances determine the relevance and timeliness of addressing the global public to organize the defense of Ukraine and Ukrainians from the aggressor, similar to the prevention of the development of anti-Semitism worldwide.

It is necessary to activate international justice bodies. Our appeal to the International Tribunal over the criminals seeking to destroy Ukraine, to the Hague, is just a small step toward the strict and just punishment of russian criminals who have disregarded international norms of coexistence. Once, the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg (Germany; November 20, 1945 – October 1, 1946), which examined the criminal actions of the leadership and individual organizations of the Third Reich in the outbreak and conduct of World War II, assessed and defined the punishment for the criminals. However, as modern lawyers note, it was not the court of the just, but the court of victors over the defeated murderers.

Currently, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, based on Ukraine's lawsuit, has announced a decision in the case where our state accused russia of violating two international conventions: on combating terrorism financing and the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination. According to the victims, this court is a bureaucratic mockery, not a punishing sword for international crimes. Statements that it lacks sufficient evidence to determine whether russian actions in Ukraine are terrorist activities appear, at the very least, incomprehensible.

The resolution of issues related to the protection of Ukrainians in their state is possible only through the application of reliable, well-thought-out legal norms and rules, and effective mechanisms of international coexistence.

The scientific community of Ukraine warmly welcomes the esteemed European Congress of Ukrainians and the esteemed Forum of the 1st International Scientific Conference "Mechanisms of Adaptation, Integration, and Assimilation of Ukrainians in Conditions of Forced Migration" and requests support for the appeal and to petition before the functional organs of the United Nations to consider this issue and adopt appropriate humanitarian decisions.

The people of Ukraine will always be grateful for the support of our state, but will only justify the hopes of Europeans when they enter equally as a member of the European states.

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## The appeal has received support from the following public organizations of Ukraine:

The Main Council of the "Circle of Elders of Ukraine," represented by Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor **Mykhailo Yosypovych Buhayets**;

The National Academy of Sciences of Higher Education of Ukraine (NASHEU), represented by Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor **Stanislav Isakovych Tabachnikov**;

The Academy of Social Management of Ukraine, represented by Doctor of Economics, Professor **Bohdan Mykolayovych Andrushkiv**;

The International Public Organization "Assembly of Business Circles," represented by Viktor Volodymyrovych Vozniuk;

The All-Ukrainian Society named after T. Shevchenko, represented by Doctor of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Professor **Roman Mykhailovych Kushnir**;

The International Knightly Order of the Ukrainian Cossack Brotherhood named after Saint Nicholas, represented by Lyubov Yosypivna Yavorivska;

And other public, academic formations and organizations.