

On the war waged by the Kremlin against Ukraine and the citizens of Ukraine

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We condemn the unprovoked and unjust attack on Ukraine, a sovereign state with a democratically elected government. Ukrainian people of all walks of life and all ethnicities, regardless of whether their native tongue is Ukrainian, Russian, Crimean Tatar, or any other language of this diverse, multicultural nation, have taken up arms to protect their land against the brutal onslaught by the Kremlin's troops. As Ukrainians valiantly fight for their lives, they also fight for democracy, in a striking example of a citizenry ready to put everything on the line for values that transcend the personal and the local. We demand an end to the despicable attack led by the autocratic leadership of Russia. We demand action by the international community to stop the assault and avoid the tragic loss of life.

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