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STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the European Association of Lawyers (AEA-EAL), we strongly condemn the aggression of the Russian Federation towards the Republic of Ukraine.


The aggression initiated by President Putin is an attack on fundamental principles of democracy, human rights, and international order in Europe.

This act of war is a clear violation of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, OSCE Charter for European Security, and Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances.

Universally recognized law clearly prohibits the use of force or threat of its use in international relations except for self-defense or acting based on the resolution of the UN Security Council. Both exceptions are not applicable in this context.

We express our solidarity with the Nation of Ukraine and appeal to the authorities of all states to undertake steps ensuring full support for victims of war.

We call our Members and Friends to engage in any possible help for citizens of Ukraine, including pro bono legal aid and assistance.



Maria Słazak
President