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The Executive Committee of the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies (IHRN) joins members of the global academic and medical communities in speaking out against the human rights and humanitarian crises created by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

As an alliance of more than 90 national honorary scientific societies that defends the fundamental rights of fellow scientists, scholars, and health professionals worldwide, the IHRN is following with grave concern credible reports of attacks on health workers and facilities in Ukraine, as well as the intimidation and arrest of Russian scholars engaged in anti-war protests. We support the thousands of Russian scientists and science journalists who have publicly called attention to the devastating impact of the invasion.

We stand ready to assist our at-risk colleagues, including colleagues displaced by the conflict and those under threat as a result of their peaceful dissent.

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Academies in the IHRN support and promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, assist unjustly incarcerated nonviolent professional colleagues, address grave science-related human rights issues, and advocate for member institutions whose independence is threatened.