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Dear Members of European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, Board Members, Secretariat and all whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a representative of the Ukrainian part of EFSUMB, on behalf of Ukrainian ultrasound society, which shares all values of the free, democratic world and respects basic human rights.

Today is the fourth day of the bloody russian war against Ukraine and its citizens. After months of tension and accumulating russian troops on Ukrainian borders, numerous speeches of putin and his regime representatives such as lavrov (russian foreign affairs minister) and others that there are no intentions to start a war and occupy Ukraine, russian president putin said that he started a "special military mission" on the territory of Ukraine to "demilitarize" and "denazify" Ukraine.

My relatives and friends who used to live their normal lives are now hiding in shelters, subway stations just to stay alive. Our biggest cities are under a 24-hours siege, Ukraines territory is being attacked from the russian territories, occupied territories of Ukraine's East, Belarus and Crimea. Ukrainian Military Forces are helding the defence of more than 200 000 russian invaders within the border of 6000 km. Almost 80 years since WWII has ended and there have been no such a massive war within Europe. Ukrainian children, women and and men are being killed, thousands are homeless, russian troops attacking civil objects, heating stations and homes of Ukrainians.

Many countries - members of EFSUMB support Ukraine and take immediate actions to stop insane and bloody attack on Ukraine and its sovereignty. EU and US governments provide defencive weapons to Ukraine, humanitarian aid and impose sanctions on russian leaders who are involved and support the war against Ukraine.

Yet it is not enough to stop this russian invasion.

In this regard I am asking you for your help as a modern and peaceful part of a world that shares the true values of democracy and respect human lives and independence and address you to do the following:

1. Exclude Russian Federation from the EFSUMB as an aggressor country who breached numerous articles of international law and do not respect people's lives. All member countries who support Ukraine, please address the EFSUMB Secretariat and Board with this urgent call for the extraordinary Members



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meeting with just one question - immediate termination of russia as a member of EFSUMB.

- 2. Post a message on EFSUMB official website with the demand to putin and russian to stop the war.
- 3. Address your governments with a demand to support Ukraine and stop russia and provide humanitarian aid, helmets and armour for our armed forces. As a closing statement I would like to quote Dante Alighieri: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

Yours sincerely, President of the UAUDS

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