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In the Name of Science: Urging for Peace!

An open letter from the scientific community of the Czech Republic to the Russian Academy of Science.

Dear Russian colleagues,

We were greatly appalled to receive the news about the open war that Russia has begun against Ukraine.

The community of scholars in the Czech Republic is appealing to you, as members of the worldwide scientific community, as well as citizens of the Russian Federation, to address the government of your country with a call to listen to the voice of reason; no international disagreements, no differences of opinion, and no alleged fears about the future of national minorities in the nearby countries, give anyone the right to employ military force, nor do they justify the destruction of cities and villages, and the killing of civilians and soldiers who defend their land.

We are calling upon you, in the name of science that admits no borders and gives us the common field in which the multi-national worldwide community of researchers draws their delight, to make an appeal to the Russian government: The undeclared and brutal aggression against Ukraine must stop. Russia has to respect international laws and agreements that it signed in recent decades. It is necessary to listen to the voice of reason and with it to the voice of humanity. War runs over the principles on which the community of scholars stands, and it is to this community that you and we belong. Help us to stop the war!

In the name of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic

Pavel Jungwirth (president)