



U.A.E. STATEMENT ON THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

The European Lawyers' Union (U.A.E.) brings together lawyers across the European Union, with a view to promoting and defending the practice of EU Law and of the European Convention on Human Rights, of which democracy and the rule of law are fundamental principles.

The U.A.E. condemns in the strongest terms the armed attack against Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The unjustified invasion of an independent sovereign state constitutes a blatant violation of the rule of law, as well as of the Charter of the United Nations, the Statute of the Council of Europe, the European Convention on Human Rights and other general principles of international law.

We express our fullest support to and stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the Ukrainian legal community, whose lives and wellbeing are being put at risk by this unwarranted and illegal war waged by the Russian Federation.

The U.A.E. welcomes the decision of the Council of Europe to suspend the Russian Federation's rights of representation and other recent measures taken by EU institutions and the international community, as well as the statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on the investigation of "*any act of genocide, crime against humanity or war crime committed within the territory of Ukraine since 20 February 2014 onwards*".

The U.A.E. calls on EU Member States to take the necessary measures in order to ensure the right of asylum and of humanitarian assistance of people escaping conflict and welcomes those measures already taken. The U.A.E. joins the CCBE and other legal associations in encouraging lawyers to provide legal assistance to people seeking international protection.

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