

*Trade Union of Education and Science  
Workers of Ukraine*

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*Free Trade Union of Education and Science  
of Ukraine*

## **LESTU STATEMENT ON SOLIDARITY WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN UKRAINE**

Dear Friends,

We express our solidarity with the people of Ukraine, especially education personnel in the East, who have suffered greatly since 2014 because of the war and are now living under daily threats of the military offensive against Ukraine.

We reaffirm our full and unwavering support for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine and all Eastern neighbourhood countries within their internationally recognized borders. These principles are enshrined in international agreements of which Russia is a signatory, form the basis of European security, and cannot be revised.

We firmly believe that it should be the Ukrainian people to decide the path their country should take in the future at both domestic and international levels and with no interference from third countries.

With great worry, we are observing the recent developments at the border with Ukraine. We strongly believe that Russia has to stop this aggression.

We remain hopeful that diplomatic efforts will preserve peace and that the conflict will not escalate into open warfare. Still, we also want to assure you can count on our support, should the need arise.

Our thoughts and hearts are with you! We wish you the strength of spirit and perseverance!

Long live free Ukraine!

With solidarity and friendship!

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