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Dear Prof. Leonid Roshal,
President of the National Medical Chamber of Russia

I write to you as the President of the Turkish Medical Association to let you know that the thoughts of your colleagues in Türkiye are with you in this extremely difficult time. We also consider that expansion of NATO in Eastern Europe is a risk for escalating conflicts and clashes in the region.

The Turkish Medical Association condemns any act of aggression that prevents doctors and healthcare professionals carrying out their duty of care to protect lives.

According to international principles and Geneva Conventions, medical neutrality and human rights must be respected in the war zone. Medical facilities must not be military targets, doctors and healthcare workers must not be prevented from performing their professional duties, and all efforts must be made to ensure that patients and casualties have full access to healthcare.

As physicians, we dedicate our professional lives to human health, saving ecosystems and fighting against environmental pollution. The war in the region can cause a disastrous collapse of the ecosystems in all neighboring countries. Even if an accidental or deliberate nuclear disaster is avoided, a conventional war would already have a devastating impact on human health and well-being.

Physicians in Türkiye stand in solidarity with their Russian colleagues who are working in the center of the conflict and appeal for a speedy end to all military aggression.

Our thoughts are with you.

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