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Dear Dr. Oleg Musii,
President of the Ukrainian Medical Association

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.

The Turkish Medical Association condemns any act of aggression that prevents physicians and healthcare professionals from 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, physicians and healthcare workers must not be prevented from performing their professional duties, and all measures must be taken 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 and violence. The war in Ukraine can cause a disastrous collapse of the ecosystem in all neighboring regions. 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 Ukrainian colleagues who work in the center of the conflict and we appeal for a speedy end to all military aggression.

Our thoughts are with you.

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