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Dear Colleagues:

We all are witnesses to the terrible conflict ongoing in Ukraine. As a strict rule, the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, like other neurosurgical organizations, does not get involved in national politics or international affairs. However, we cannot remain silent in the face of a war launched by the Russian state on its independent neighbor. The WSSFN cannot comment on the political issues of Russia vs. Ukraine, or Russia vs. NATO, the “West”, etc. But we can and do condemn, in no uncertain terms, a war started by the government of Russia in the absence of any military or obvious long-term threat.

The WSSFN leadership emphasizes that the Russian people, and in particular our neurosurgical brothers and sisters, are not responsible for the actions of their government. We fervently hope for a swift and peaceful conclusion to this war of aggression, and look forward to resuming our scientific and collegial ties with our friends in Ukraine, Russia, and everywhere around the world where common sense and peace must prevail.

Sincerely yours,

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