

Dear Colleagues,

We are a group of Ukrainian scientists asking for your help in stopping the aggression against our country and helping Ukraine reach a peaceful solution to the problems it faces. Regardless of which language we use in our families or professional lives (e.g., some speak Ukrainian and some speak Russian), we are citizens of Ukraine and we are convinced that no part or region of our nation needs “help” brought by the bayonetsof outsiders. Moreover, the presence of the foreign troops on our soil will have both short- and long-term destabilizing effects on our society. The aggression must be stopped before it escalates into an uncontrollable situation.

A few words to our colleagues and friends from Russia: Your freedom tomorrow starts with our freedom today. Help us by protesting your government’s actions and by refusing to participate in a disinformation campaign against Ukraine. Занашу и вашусвободу! (To freedom, ours and yours!)

Over 80 years ago a dictator came to power in Europe. He also hosted the Olympic games, and he also started by “assisting” ethnic minority across the border in a neighboring country. We all know what a tragic mistake it was to let him get away with it. The world should learn not to repeat such tragedies.

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