

Letter of support from the Weimar Triangle of Lawyers
To Lawyers and Citizen Suffering from the War in Ukraine

29 March 2022,

We, the undersigned, as leaders of the legal communities in Germany, Warsaw, and Paris - together members of the Weimar Triangle of Lawyers - stand together to condemn Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine initiated on 24 February 2022.

This military intervention is a violation of international law and of Russia's commitments to respect its obligations, values, principles, and fundamental freedoms set out in in the UN Charter and other international treaties, such as the prohibition from the use or threat of force against another state.

Following this offensive, the state of shock in Europe and in the whole world was quickly replaced by a very large mobilisation and almost unanimous support from the international community for the Ukrainian people. The future of Ukraine is now at the centre of European and international concern. Lawyers around the world are strongly mobilising. Our respective organisations have already implemented significant measures to help (e.g., by means of partnership platforms, fundraising, organisation of pro bono legal advice for refugees, etc.). We are prepared to carry out these actions, over the long term if needed.

Furthermore, we have decided to activate the Weimar Triangle of Lawyers, created to promote, and protect the rule of law in Europe. It will allow us to exchange and, in particular, organize an adequate cooperation with the Polish lawyers who are on the front line of the refugee flow in this unprecedented crisis.

We will also fully support all legal initiatives to defend Ukraine, such as the International Criminal Court Prosecutor's positive response to open an investigation on the current situation.

By this letter, we reaffirm our full support to lawyers and broadly to legal professionals who are suffering from this war. The Weimar Triangle of Lawyers stands behind all of them.



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