



## **Statement by the EUPHA section on Child and adolescent public health Call for immediate cessation of hostilities towards Ukrainian people**

The Child and Adolescent Public Health (CAPH) Steering Committee of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) is deeply disturbed by the blatant violation of Ukraine by the Russian military. The CAPH strongly supports the EUPHA statement that condemns the actions of the invading forces. The Russian attack contravenes the Geneva convention and other international treaties, and humanitarian laws and thus poses an immediate threat to current efforts for global peace. We condemn the actions to date that include attacks on civilians that have resulted in deaths and civilian casualties, fear and displacement of children and their families. This war endangers the freedom, health and safety of the most vulnerable population, children and adolescents and its effects will devastate a generation. As public and medical health professionals we stand with our colleagues in Ukraine who like us provide for those in our care and works towards a shared vision of a sustainable, healthy and equitable global society. We support the people of Ukraine in their call for an immediate cessation of Russian aggressions and the withdrawal of its forces behind the borders.

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