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## A STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE

The Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) echoes the statement of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the worldwide call in praying for the immediate end of the war in Ukraine. The conflict affects the most vulnerable people - the civilians - and as of now, the conflict has displaced hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians. Human lives are valuable, and their contribution to the upliftment of other's welfare in times of humanitarian crises are needed now more than ever. The present conflict is now taking a serious and dangerous turn causing further loss of life, injury, destruction of property, displacement of people, and heightened tensions across State borders. Moreover, access to healthcare and the delivery of humanitarian assistance are stalled, and continues to remain a priority for those in the military and medical frontlines.

The PNA is with the rest of the international community in praying that a lifetime of peace should be finally achieved, and that all peoples should learn to live in harmony. As people and healthcare workers are among those caught in the crossfire, their civil and political rights, deeply enshrined in international law, must also be respected. International law and other policies must likewise be observed as they serve as additional layer of protection in unhampered delivery of humanitarian efforts by healthcare workers.

We call on government bodies involved in the conflict and the international community to do everything in their ability to spare civilians and health workers in the war. We also urge all actors in this hostility to respect human rights. Finally, we request humanitarian organizations and neighboring countries, in any way they can, to provide basic necessities and psychosocial support to affected frontliners.

Everyone must join the world for global solidarity and peace. Whether Ukrainians or not, everyone must be protected against the perils of human aggression.

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