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## **The Swiss Nurses' Association declares its solidarity with the Ukraine**

Dear Madam President  
Dear colleagues in Ukraine

The Swiss Nurses' Association SBK-ASI and its 26,000 members would like to express their solidarity with you and with the nurses and all people of Ukraine. War does not spare the civilian population; people are wounded; the violence they experience or witness will leave deep scars and severe trauma, precious lives are extinguished. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing, families are being torn apart. A humanitarian catastrophe is brewing.

The protection and safety of healthcare providers and of the health system are a top priority and are enshrined in international law. We call on all parties to the conflict and the international community to do everything in their power to protect the safety of health workers, who often put their own lives at risk to care for others. Access to health care and the delivery of humanitarian aid must always be a priority for all concerned.

Our hearts go out to you and we draw the attention of the Swiss public to the dire situation. The Swiss Red Cross is active in Ukraine and with our donation to the SRC we also want to help directly to alleviate the suffering in your country.

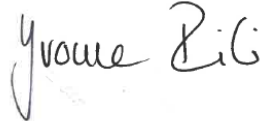
The nursing professionals of our two countries and our associations are linked in friendship and share the same mission: to heal and to help. Together with the international nursing organisations, we want to stand by you and call for security and peace in the whole affected region. We all want a peaceful Europe and are against any form of invasion and violence against the civilian population.

We greet you warmly and are with you in our thoughts.

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- International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
- International Council of Nurses ICN, Geneva
- Mission permanente de l'Ukraine, Genève
- European Federation of Nurses Associations EFN