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Professor Alexandra Newton

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Dear Professor Newton,

In recent days we are shocked by the brutal aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine, a state represented in IUBMB by Ukrainian Biochemical Society. In our opinion a country which, without any reason or justification violates world's peace by attacking another independent country, threatening other countries, commits acts of genocide against civilians, breaking international conventions, insolently lies to the world and wants to punish own citizens with many years of prison for preaching the truth does not deserve to be a member of IUBMB.

Therefore, in the name of the Polish Academy of Sciences, we demand an immediate suspension of the membership of Russia (represented by Russian Academy of Sciences) in the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

The suspension of Russia's membership is not meant as an action against our fellow Russian biochemists and molecular biologists but as a sign of support for our Ukrainian friends whose work, peace and even life are endangered by the barbaric invader.

We trust that our intensions will be met with understanding by the President, Council and adhering bodies of IUBMB.

Prof. Jerzy Duszyński, President of Polish Academy of Sciences



Prof. Grzegorz Węgrzyn, President of the Committee of the Molecular Biology of the Cell of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Representative of Poland for IUBMB

