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Dear Ms. Levina,

The Russian Federation launched an invasion on sovereign Ukraine, leading to huge human losses and damages, undermining international security and violating human rights.

Ecsite, the European network of science engagement organisations, is asking you and your network community to publicly manifest your disapproval of the attack on Ukraine by the Russian Federation and request an immediate halt to military and cyber actions against Ukraine, and for Russia to pull back from a territory that it doesn't own.

Together, Russians can stop this abomination by stepping up to demonstrate their wish for concord and respect. Together, organisations active in science and society can request peace to do science and improve humanity in complete respect of the sovereignty of people and countries.

Ecsite would appreciate hearing from you with respect to news of your actions in view of the above.

With our regards,

Signed by the members of the Board of Ecsite

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