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In Strasbourg, 8 March 2022

Your Holiness Kirill,  
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia,

As democratically elected representatives of the citizens of European Union, we address you with an urgent request to engage in the efforts to stop the war in Ukraine.

We are convinced that your message to the unity of the Church, which you called for on Sunday, February 27, cannot be achieved by military action or by the forcible annexation of territories. Faith and religious belief are fundamental human rights and must be based on personal freedom. The current military campaign has resulted not only in the suppression of freedom, but also in many deaths and human tragedies. Millions of mothers with children have fled their homes in fear of bombing and violence. Humanitarian catastrophe is imminent. At the same time, the military campaign is accompanied by a huge amount of disinformation, which results in a widening of differences between countries.

We trust that, just as we are not careless to the current situation, neither are you, as a Christian who has been given responsibility by God for the salvation of so many souls. We therefore appeal to you to condemn the military attack by Russian troops on a sovereign country and fratricidal bloodshed, thus helping to calm the situation, as Patriarch Bartholomew I and Pope Francis have already done.

Yours sincerely,

Members of the European Parliament,

Ivan ŠTEFANEC  
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