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To the Russian ambassador in Sweden Victor Ivanovitj Tatarintsev

Dear Ambassador Victor Ivanovitj Tatarintsev,

It is with a growing concern that we observe the situation in Ukraine following the Russian invasion which began on the 24th of February 2022. We strongly condemn the war that Russia is waging on Ukraine. Among of the upsetting events that we have witnessed in the recent weeks, the bombing of the children's hospital in Mariupol is an unacceptable attack that has left us shaken and terrified.

As an organisation consisting of doctors and medical students we are deeply concerned with the humanitarian catastrophe that this war implies for the people of Ukraine. Given the profession of our members we would like to underline that a war-torn healthcare system affects the population of a country negatively and in a most dramatic way. Let us also stress the long-term effects that the war will have on the people of both Russia and Ukraine.

Regardless of the uncertainty that prevails, we must all stand up for peace and freedom. We would like to meet you and your colleague responsible for health issues at the Embassy to discuss the war in Ukraine from a health and medical perspective. We hope that you could meet with us in the near future as this is an extremely important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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President of The Swedish Society of Medicine

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