

**Joint statement by UNGEGN experts from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland  
in response to the aggression against Ukraine**

On Thursday, 24th of February 2022, the Russian Federation launched an unprecedented invasion of Ukraine. Such unjustified and unprovoked aggression is a clear violation of international law. The attacks on civilian targets carried out by Russian troops, resulting in numerous deaths among the Ukrainian population, are intolerable and may be considered a war crime. This aggression is not only against Ukraine but against the whole free world.

The experts of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, four member states of the Baltic Division of the UNGEGN, strongly condemn the extremely dangerous, wholly incomprehensible and completely unfounded aggression by the Russian Federation against independent Ukraine. The experts of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland have decided to cease all contact with representatives of the Russian Federation within the Baltic Division and UNGEGN, and call on all experts from all democratic states to do the same.

We express our wholehearted support for and solidarity with all Ukrainians and we wish that peace will soon return to their homeland.

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