



**Russia must end its military aggression immediately!
Work Towards Peace, Not War**

BWI and EFBWW strongly condemn the violence and military actions against Ukraine and call upon Russia to end its military aggression immediately and withdraw its troops from all of Ukraine. We join the international community in calling to stop the assault and give peace a chance. This morning UN Secretary-General António Guterres, addressing President Putin said, “Stop your troops from an offensive against Ukraine, give peace a chance because too many people have died.”

Diplomacy is the only way forward! We call on Russia, the Ukraine, the United States and the European Union to go back to the negotiation tables and find a long and lasting peaceful solution. The military actions disrupt the lives of millions of citizens in a region which is already being confronted with many economic and social hardships.

EFBWW and BWI urge the relevant policy makers in the EU and the international organisations to ensure all humanitarian support for the Ukrainian people in distress, and to prepare necessary actions to protect and extract those at risk.

We express full solidarity and stand side-by-side with our affiliate PROFBUD, the Ukrainian building workers union, its staff and its members, and with all trade unions and people in the region.

We also call for trade union solidarity across borders. BWI has opened its solidarity fund to give humanitarian aid. All financial donations are encouraged.

Only peace and security can create the conditions for social progress and a sustainable economic recovery, while securing an effective level of social justice, the protection of human rights and social protection for working people and their families.

The problems of Ukraine and its neighbouring countries are immense. This is a time to build peace and progress, not launch war and destruction.