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**STATEMENT
REGARDING THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE**

The European Young Bar Association expresses its deep concern about the tragic events underway and the ongoing escalation of violence in Ukraine.

The principles of democracy, protection of human rights and defence of the rule of law must be paramount in a civil society.

As European citizens, as European lawyers, We firmly condemn every threat to peace in violation of the fundamental principles of international law, that is now resulting in a terrible humanitarian crisis, on European soil. A threat to the peace of one country is a threat to global peace and it goes beyond the immediate.

We express our solidarity with the people of Ukraine and with our Ukrainian colleagues.

We deplore the loss of life and the human suffering.

We unwaveringly support the independence, sovereignty, right of self-determination and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

We support lawful actions to bring this conflict to an end as soon as possible.

We urge the international community to pursue every diplomatic effort to defuse tensions and achieve immediate de-escalation and to guarantee humanitarian assistance, because the protection of civilians must be a priority.

We must stand together at this time in our condemnation and our solidarity.

We stand with Ukraine.

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