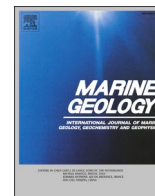




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## We cannot stay silent in the face of war

*Dear Colleagues*

We cannot stay silent in the face of war. We condemn the illegal invasion of Ukraine, an independent sovereign nation, by the Russian Federation. This action is unjust and immoral; it flouts international convention and denies basic human rights. It has led to inhumane and unjustified bombardment of civilian targets, hospitals and universities, with widespread destruction and tragic loss of life. The scale of devastation and human suffering is horrendous and cannot be ignored.

Our thoughts and support are with our Ukrainian colleagues at this time, who are completely unable to work normally, undertake science peacefully, or contribute their findings to the international community. We are committed to the re-building of science in a free and independent

Ukraine once the Russian Federation has ceased its aggression and withdrawn.

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