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Statement on the situation in Ukraine

While the American Council for Polish Culture is mainly an organization whose goals center on sharing and popularizing Poland's rich history and culture, sharing it with our fellow Americans, it would be unconscionable for us to stand by while war is perpetrated on the Ukrainian people. Unjustified Russian aggression against Ukraine has produced human suffering on a scale not seen in Europe since World War II.

Therefore, we join with other Polish American organizations in condemning actions of the Russian army. We condemn the Russian government as a violator of the United Nations Charter to which it is a signatory. We condemn Vladimir Putin as a war-making criminal leader who is indifferent to human death and suffering.

We mobilize ourselves as an organization to assist in bringing humanitarian aid to the refugees flowing out of the war zone and to continue loudly protesting the outrages being perpetrated on the innocent civilian population of Ukraine.

We urge President Biden to take all possible initiatives to limit the warmaking capabilities of Russia and to mobilize world wide support to help the suffering Ukrainians and the countries that are assisting the refugees with humanitarian aid.

In the difficult days to come, the United States and its European allies must stand together and show unity, not fear, in the face of the Russian threat. Only through stalwart cooperation among peoples and nations will we see this conflict be brought to an eventual conclusion.

War is never the answer to territorial problems. There must be a ceasefire and this lamentable situation must be solved through diplomatic means.