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Dear colleagues,

European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (ECAP) condemns the brutal invasion of Ukraine. We as Editors devote intense efforts to children's health worldwide. Our passion to improve children's wellbeing drives our daily clinical work, research activities, and editorial commitments. We had hoped that the health catastrophe of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic would have been able to demonstrate that our planet and our humanity are a unity, and if one suffers, all of us do. However, even before this pandemic reaches an end, the power aspirations of a restricted group of individuals are now perpetrating destruction, pain, and death. As

health professionals devoted to children, we cannot remain untouched by such atrocities.

Therefore, we urge all Russian and Belarusian authorities to immediately stop the injustice and aggression that directly and severely harm children and adolescents in Ukraine. In addition, such a stop would minimize the negative effects on the mental health of many children, adolescents and their families throughout all of Europe.

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