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## Statement

by the European Anthropological Association Board on the Suspension of the Russian and Byelorussian memberships

It is with great concern that we witness the current crisis in the heart of Europe. Unjustified and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the leaderships of the Russian Federation and the involvement of Belarus in the ongoing war against Ukraine has provoked our strong reaction. Our thoughts, sympathies and support are with Ukrainian Nation, innocent victims of Russian aggression.

Considering these dramatic circumstances, the Board of the European Anthropological Association has decided to fully and indefinitely suspend the EAA membership of colleagues from the Russian Federation and in Belarus. Consequently, they will be suspended from participating in, or at, any EAA's events or elections for the foreseeable future. They will also be suspended from the Council.

We are aware of the fact that a substantial proportion of our colleagues in the Russian Federation and Belarus are not supportive of the military aggression against Ukraine, but the message to the Russian and Belarusian leadership must be clear and unequivocal.

On behalf of the EAA Board  
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