Appeal of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine to Scientists, All Citizens of Ukraine and of the Russian Federation

At this difficult and crucial moment in the life of our Motherland, caused by both an inner political crisis and a foreign threat to its security and territorial integrity, the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine appeals to its scholars, all citizens of Ukraine and Russia to preserve peace and tranquility, to avoid conflicts and the aggravation of confrontations.

Scientists of the NAS of Ukraine work with dedication in all regions of Ukraine, making their contribution to the establishment and progress of Ukrainian state. Besides Kyiv, our Academy has major science centers in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Crimea, Lviv, Odesa and Kharkiv, which integrate the research and educational potential of the whole country. During all the 95 years of Academy's history, scholars of its institutions have never divided themselves according to the territorial principle or permitted any discrimination on ethnic, linguistic or religious grounds.

And now all of us have to unite and by join efforts prevent further aggravation of the social and political situation, bloodshed and a split of the country. All Ukrainian scientists, all our fellow citizens — whether they live in the North or South, East or West — are to stay together for accomplishing the goal of the whole Ukrainian nation — to live in the country where the peace dominates, where rights and freedoms of every person are respected.

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine has long-term and fruitful relations with scholars of the Russian Academy of Sciences and other scientific institutions of Russia. More than 20 years ago our academies jointly initiated the establishment of the International Association of the Academies of Sciences – the organization that combined efforts of scientists of all CIS countries to maintain and promote traditional academic ties for the benefit of our nations.

We appeal to our colleagues and friends in the Russian Academy of Sciences, to all scholars of the Russian Federation to do everything possible for peaceful settlement of the situation. We appeal to Russian people, whom we have always considered to be fraternal – don't permit the use of arms. Common roots, common history and common wish to live as good neighbours are our superior values we have to protect.

At this crucial moment of our country's history we call on all worldwide academic community to take all the necessary efforts to preserve peace and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

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