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Our Dear Ukrainian Friends,

We were observing with huge concern the increasingly aggressive posturing of Russia against Ukraine over the last months and were shocked to learn about the massive military assault on your country today, a new milestone in illegal and treacherous attack on your freedom and independence that was started in 2014.

Our hearts and minds are with you. We condemn in strongest possible terms the aggression and call all academic communities, all universities around the world to do the same.

We think that partnership with your University which we established earlier especially matters now and we are ready to look for ways and means how to assist you in ensuring the continuity of your work in the spirit of academic freedom and fair access to knowledge and learning for all. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to explore together how we can help you.

Rector of Vilnius University

Professor Rimvydas Petrauskas

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Petrauskas', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022  
Vilnius