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The war has been back in Europe, as the regime of Vladimir Putin has been trying to destroy the civilization of our part of the world. Many years of efforts of our continent, which suffered so greatly in the past, have been wasted. The government in Moscow, disregarding the rules of peaceful coexistence and the opinion of its own people, indoctrinated for many years, has brutally attacked its neighbour – the democratic State of Ukraine. The freedom of the whole Europe has been endangered since the success of the aggressor will equal a continuation of imperial conquests for which, in the opinion of Russia, its military advantage is a sufficient excuse.

We fully support the appeal of Mr Valery Patskan, the President of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine. We have already called the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions to break all relations with the institutions of Russia – a country that is manifesting its contempt for the fundamental values of INTOSAI with the war it has started. What we also need, are decisive actions within EUROSAI aimed at excluding the authoritarian Russia from our community. We believe that no official contacts should be maintained, nor any forms of cooperation with the SAI of Russia.

It is now clear that Russia has been preparing for the invasion of Ukraine over the last years. This means that democracy and the freedom of nations are just objects in a cynical play of the authoritarian regime in Moscow, whose declarations, opinions and information are unreliable and only intended to legitimise the state that is actually planning imperial conquests. Disinformation and destructive actions of Russia must be counteracted with all our might.

It is also necessary to be aware that the criminal regime that is now in power in Russia does not actually mean the whole of Russia, nor all the Russians. There have been many examples of great and brave conduct of Russian activists – human rights defenders, historians, artists and other citizens who have opposed the evil in their country. That is why we suggest using all potential working communication channels to contact Russian auditors and to appeal to them to protest against the regime that has been taking Russia on the brink of an abyss.

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