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This is to appeal to the entire community of Supreme Audit Institutions to sever all relations with the institutions of Russia, a country that, with its aggression against the neighbouring state of Ukraine, demonstrates its contempt for the values that are the foundation of INTOSAI.

We have all received a moving appeal from Mr Valery Patskan, President of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine. An appeal full of emotions, which, however, are fully justified. At the moment, Russian troops are destroying Ukrainian towns and murdering civilians. Unfortunately, Russia's assurances of respect for other countries and a desire for good cooperation must be seen as a game of appearances designed to buy time to prepare for the invasion and conquest of other nations. The regime in Moscow is apparently convinced that a stronger country can invade and destroy its neighbours with impunity. This is a world perspective that probably none of us share.

If Russia succeeds in defeating Ukraine, it will be the turn of its next neighbours in Europe and Asia. There will be another period of preparation and more invasions. For many years, Moscow's actions have been accompanied by information warfare abroad and lying propaganda aimed at its own people. We must be aware that the information, opinions and declarations of this regime are completely unreliable and limit its influence by all means. Under no circumstances should it be allowed to legitimise a cynical aggressor among the institutions of the civilised world.

As far as our environment is concerned, we propose to end cooperation and communication with the SAI of Russia and to recognise that INTOSAI has no Presidency at the moment. The provisional duties resulting from this situation until INCOSAI in Brazil should be taken over by the SAI of Austria in its capacity of the INTOSAI General Secretariat.

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