



A Call for Peace and a Safe Future

As a scientific organization, the International Younger Chemists Network (IYCN) is deeply concerned by the current developments that threaten international security, scientific collaboration, global stability, and most importantly, human lives and identities. We strongly condemn the violent invasion of Ukraine and the hostile threats with weapons of mass destruction to the global community.

The IYCN strives for scientific exchange, independence of information, and freedom of expression to promote open communication and fruitful cooperation without borders. Global challenges can only be overcome if everyone engages in a constructive dialogue and is willing to drive change for the benefit of society.

As an organization with a mission to “connect and empower younger chemists globally” and a vision to “support and advocate for younger scientists working across the chemical sciences towards a globally sustainable future”, we firmly oppose any actions that jeopardize these goals and the future of our members, friends, colleagues, and the young generation that leads us into the future. This goes especially for aggressive behavior, the escalation of violence, military actions, war threats, acts akin to war, and war.

We urge world leaders to strive for a return to peaceful unity and cooperation to ensure the security of our world and the safety of our people everywhere.

Our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine, their families, and the scientists working and living in the country.

In solidarity,

The Executive Board of the International Younger Chemists Network