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## Statement concerning the Russian invasion of Ukraine

As a Buddhist religious organization, Nichiren Shu strongly condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Several deaths have already been reported by the media, and we cannot help but worry that the situation may spiral into a deep crisis. Using warfare to solve a political problem must never be tolerated.

We follow the teachings of the Buddha and the Lotus Sutra, and uphold the spiritual teachings of our founder Nichiren Shonin, to bow in respect to all life and strive to spread peace throughout the world. We strongly oppose all acts of war, and strongly request that this invasion be terminated immediately by peaceful dialogue, and pray for everlasting peace in the world.

Namu Myoho Renge Kyo

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