

Polish Librarians Association Appeal Regarding Excluding All Russian Organizations and Libraries from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

As a consequence of Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine, the achievements of generations are being destroyed, thousands of people are killed, and hundreds of thousands of them are forced to flee and seek shelter. The General Board of the Polish Librarians Association condemns the actions of Russia and expresses deep solidarity with the entire Ukrainian Nation and with our colleagues - Ukrainian librarians.

We cannot ignore this terrible violation of both international law and social norms by Russia. For this reason, we support the appeal of the Ukrainian Library Association and call to exclude the membership of all institutions of Russia from IFLA members.

We believe that Russian librarians, who we have met on congresses, symposiums, and discussion forums, will find a lot of strength and determinations to express their opposition to the violation of the principles and norms adopted in civilized countries in the 21st century.

On behalf of the PLA General Board

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