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Anatoliy Zahorodniy
President
National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

Dear President Zahorodniy,

On behalf of the Fellows and staff of the Australian Academy of Science, I write to express our deep sorrow and our solidarity following the drone strike on the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv.

We mourn those who were killed and extend our sympathies to their families, friends, and colleagues. Our thoughts are also with the injured, to whom we wish a full recovery, and with everyone who endured the attack. We acknowledge the courage of the staff and emergency responders who helped people to safety.

That a place devoted to knowledge, discovery and service to society should be struck in this way is deeply distressing. The damage extends beyond a building: it touches Ukraine's scientific community, its intellectual heritage, and an institution that has contributed so much to your nation's life and future.

Throughout these years of war, the courage and determination of Ukrainian scientists have inspired colleagues around the world. Please know that the Australian Academy of Science stands with the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and with scientists throughout your country. Please convey our condolences and support to your colleagues and their families.

As the immediate needs arising from this attack become clearer, we would welcome your advice on practical ways in which our Academy and the Australian scientific community might assist. In the meantime, we hope you can draw strength from knowing that you have friends and colleagues in the international scientific community who stand with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sam Berkovic'.

Professor Sam Berkovic AC PresAA FAHMS FRS

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