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National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
By email

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Dear President Zagorodny,
Dear Members of the Presidium,
Dear friends and colleagues,

We are appalled by the news that the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine was hit last Monday during a Russian attack on Kyiv. The reports of fatalities and injuries, as well as the severe damage to the historic building, are profoundly distressing. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and colleagues of those who lost their lives and wish those injured a swift and full recovery.

On behalf of the Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany, I condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms. In these difficult times, we stand in solidarity with the National Academy of Sciences as well as with the entire academic community in Ukraine.

Targeting scientific, educational and cultural institutions means attacking the very foundations of society. Undoubtedly, such attacks are in clear violation of international law and must be stopped immediately.

The German scientific community will continue to support and expand its partnerships with Ukraine. We wish you comfort, strength and resolve.

Yours sincerely,



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