



“Always take sides. Neutrality helps oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor never the tormented.”

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor

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Dear colleagues,

Today we have seen a lot of evidences that Russia with its dictator Vladimir Putin and military forces have launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Russian war machine is crushing Ukraine people and commit horrible war crimes. This time we must be united with fearless Ukraine people and stand for Peace in Europe and whole World. FIG community cannot be at the same table with the countries that helps and commit criminal actions towards other FIG member states.

Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian and Finnish Associations of Surveyors are asking for fast FIG action and decision to suspend Russian and Belarusian members from FIG until the situation will be peaceful to hear their position and explanations. Otherwise, we will be forced to consider our membership in FIG.

We are together with all human minded colleagues from the impacted countries that we are asking to suspend. They are affected by the decisions of their governments and they are victims of their governments' actions. But at the same time, they are involved, partly responsible for these decisions and must do their best to stop their government's crimes.

Attached:

- UN resolution: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1113152>
- Council of Europe decision: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/council-of-europe-suspends-russia-s-rights-of-representation>
- CLGE decision: <https://www.clge.eu/2022/clge/clge-statement-on-the-invasion-of-ukraine>

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