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**Presidents of The Union of European Academies for Science
Applied To Agriculture, Food And Nature (UEAA)**

Dear colleagues,

The Russian Federation has initiated a whole-scaled war against Ukraine on 24 February 2022. Just imagine, in 2022, cruise missiles attack residential neighborhoods, kindergartens, and hospitals in the heart of Europe.

The damage caused to Ukraine's land resources, which affects both food security and the general state of the environment, exceeded the mark of 1.32 billion. of them, the damage caused by the aggressor specifically to agricultural lands is more than 750 million UAH. This just what is currently known. A lot of areas are under occupation. A large part of the soil was chemically and physically contaminated because of hostilities and the destruction of enterprises and critical infrastructure. The enemy destroyed Ukraine's only plant genetic bank, which contained more than 160,000 plant varieties and hybrids from all around the world.

Therefore, for Ukraine, the state of agricultural land today is almost the key problem after the war. Their recovery and revival are urgent. And this is an important strategic task for domestic agricultural science.

The National Academy of Agrarian Sciences has already started to work on a plan of measures to save the Ukrainian food field after the war.

On the background of the unprecedented food crisis, there are attempts to lobby for an inappropriate in the current realities Law 7588, which refers to the transfer of lands of Academy`s research farms into private hands. This Law adoption will destroy the NAAS scientific base and agrarian science in Ukraine as a whole.

I am sure that you will not only hear, but also do everything possible to protect Ukraine, Europe and, finally, the entire democratic world from bloody authoritarian aggression. Turning to our joint resolution adopted on April 21, 2015, and in view of our fruitful cooperation with you since 2000, we kindly ask you for your urgent support on the inadmissibility of depriving the NAAS of the lands for science and innovation.

Yours sincerely,

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