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Vilnius

POSITION STATEMENT

*Lithuanian Ultrasound Association
Member of European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology*

In response to Professor Dr Christian Jenssen's open letter to members of the European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB).

Lithuania was the first state in the former USSR to declare its independence after 50 years of occupation. The fight for freedom continued as Russian army was deployed to perform a military coup back in 1991, however was repelled by the patriotic Lithuanian people. The present-day Lithuania is familiar with an insidious Kremlin regime and having fought long battles against occupation and Russian influence our country has never lost its prudence and is aware of the situation Ukraine is in currently.

The Lithuanian Ultrasound Association (LUA) expresses enormous and sincere condolences to their brothers and sisters fighting Kremlin's regime in their country. Our support goes to Ukrainian military, civilians, and medical practitioners whose home are under an unprecedented attack from the Russian Federation. Ukraine is fighting a war for the freedom and the future of all Europe and the EFSUMB must stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian friends.

There are no two sides in this conflict. There is only a malicious aggressor and innocent people of Ukraine. We condemn the military actions begun by the Russian Federation and therefore asking for an official statement from the Russian Association of Specialists in Ultrasound Diagnostic in Medicine (RASUDM), which is also a member of the EFSUMB, to state their official stance on the war. We believe that any denial of the war in Ukraine must be met with a strict action from the EFSUMB – a complete suspension of the membership of the RASUDM.

We hope that the conflict will be resolved by a complete withdrawal of Russian troops from the occupied territories in Ukraine and the Ukrainian people will be able to safely return home.

The Lithuanian Ultrasound Association along with the National Cancer Institute of Lithuania (NCI) is calling refugees from Ukraine to continue their cancer treatment safely in the NCI clinics in Vilnius, Lithuania. The open letter is attached as a supplement to this Position Statement.

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