

We call for an immediate end to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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As medical and nursing care providers, and as an organization committed to community health promotion, we strongly protest the invasion of the Russian military, which threatens our lives, deprives us of our daily livelihood, and causes many casualties.

Ten days have passed since the invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops on February 24. The civilian death toll has already exceeded 2,000, and it is estimated that as many as 1,500,000 citizens have been forced to flee their daily lives.

In addition, President Putin has made statements that show Russia as a nuclear power and threaten the world. As a citizen of the only country to have experienced the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we cannot accept the devastating effects that the use of nuclear weapons would have on the earth and all mankind. Furthermore, on March 4, Russia shelled the facilities of one of Europe's largest nuclear power plants in southern Ukraine, destroying part of the facility. This is a criminal act that threatens the survival of the human race, and if radioactive materials leak out, it will endanger the lives of many people and lead to a global catastrophe.

A draft resolution calling for Russia's immediate withdrawal from the UN General Assembly was adopted by an overwhelming majority of participating countries. In response to this outrage, people around the world are calling for "NO WAR," "stop the invasion," and "uphold the UN Charter. Anti-war voices are growing louder by the day in Russia as well, and protest demonstrations are being held in various parts of the country.

War is the worst and greatest man-made impediment to health. We work every day to protect people's lives and health. War is the most foolish act that destroys that life and health and tramples on human rights. Violence produces nothing.

Let us raise our voices in solidarity with the actions of citizens around the world who wish for peace and an end to war as soon as possible.

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