

To:

President of the United States, Mr. J. Biden

President of the Russian Federation, Mr. V. Putin

President of Ukraine, Mr. V. Zelensky

President of the European Commission, Ms. U. von der Leyen

USA Secretary of State, Mr. A. Blinken

Russian Foreign Minister, Mr S. Lavrov

Foreign Minister Ukraine, Mr. D. Kuleba

Secretary General of North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mr. J. Stoltenberg

Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. A. Guterres

High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs, Mr. J. Borrell Fontelles

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. M. Rutte

Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. W. Hoekstra

Bussum, the Netherlands, January 21st, 2022

Open letter

Subject: Let All Children Play in Ukraine and the rest of the World, a call for Peace

Your Excellencies,

We are very anxious about the situation regarding Ukraine...

We kindly ask you to:

- Respect life
- De-escalate the situation
- Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

We hope that world leaders unite. Unite for peace, unite to end hunger, unite to take climate action, unite for nature, unite to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic etc.

If we can contribute to peace via peaceful means in Ukraine, please let us know. We hope to see soon: A World in Which All Children Can Play.

Peace and all the best,

Alice Slater, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, USA

Ann Wright, retired US Army Colonel and US diplomat, Veterans For Peace

Anna Zanen, Women for Sustainable Peace (umbrella organization), Netherlands

Brian Jones, Vice Chair CND Cymru, United Kingdom

Chris Geerse, Peace movement Pais, Netherlands

Chale Guadamuz, director of Hague Peace Projects, Netherlands

Colin Archer, Secretary-General (retired), International Peace Bureau

David Swanson, Executive Director, World BEYOND War

Désirée Klain, artistic director of "Imbavagliati - International Festival of Civil Journalism", Italy

Ellen E Barfield, Co-founder, Phil Berrigan Memorial Chapter Veterans For Peace, Baltimore, USA

Frank Hornschu, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund, Kiel, Germany

Gabi Woywode, Freiburg, Germany

Gar Smith, co-founder and director Environmentalists Against War, USA

Henk Baars, Kerk en Vrede, Netherlands (Church and Peace)

Ingeborg Breines, consultant and former co-president International Peace Bureau
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Jim Wohlgenuth, Veterans for Peace, USA

John Hallam, Australian Coordinator, People for Nuclear Disarmament, Human Survival Project, Australia

Joke Oranje, peace activist for women, Netherlands

Jorge Leandro Rosa, Co-founder of ALOC - WRI-Portugal

Juha Rekola, former International ombudsman at the Union of Journalists of Finland

Kate Kheel, the advisory board of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space

Kirsti Era, Peace Group of Joensuu, Finland

Koldobi Velasco, Antimilitarist Alternative MOC of Spain

Kristine Karch, co-chair international network "No to war - no to NATO"

Leuvense Vredesbeweging, Belgium

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Marcy Winograd, Coordinator, CODEPINK Congress

Marika Lohi, Amandamaji ry, Finland

Marko Ulvila, peace activist, Finland

Matthias Reichl, press speaker, Center for Encounter and active Non-Violence, Austria

Michele Di Paolantonio, MD. President of Italian Medical Association for the Prevention of Nuclear War

Nick Deane, Convenor, Marrickville Peace Group, Australia

Oksana Chelysheva, journalist, laureate of 2014 Oxfam/PEN International award for Freedom of Expression and 2015 Eleonora Fonseca award from the city of the Naples, Finland

Panos Balomenos, Visual artist, Helsinki, Finland

Peace Action-Wisconsin, United States

Peter Griffin. Pax Christi NSW, Australia

Peter Spreij, clerk of Quakers in the Netherlands (Religious Society of Friends)

Pim van den Bosch, Vredesmissies zonder Wapens, Netherlands

Rafal Pankowski, Co-founder of the 'NEVER AGAIN' Association, Poland

Rita Salaris-Lichtenberg, Chair, Women's Federation for World Peace, Netherlands

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Thomas Wallgren, Professor of philosophy, Helsinki, Finland

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Trident Ploughshares

XR Peace

Yan Shenkman, journalist, The Novaya Gazeta, Russia

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Note: the collection of signatures was halted before the planned date, due to overwhelming support for peace in Ukraine