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The Israeli-Democratic Alliance Condemns Russia's War against Ukraine

The Israeli-Democratic Alliance (IDA) condemns in the strongest terms the illegal, unprovoked Russian war against Ukraine.

The appalling devastation inflicted by Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, on Ukraine is not just an attack against the Ukrainian people and Ukraine's independence and territorial integrity, but against democracy and freedom all over the world. As Israelis, we are intimately familiar with conflict and war, and we salute our brothers and sisters in Ukraine for their courageous and inspiring struggle for peace, democracy, and liberty. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

However, thoughts and prayers are not enough - as a liberal democracy, Israel must take part in the global effort to defend Ukraine. As the state of the Jewish people, who have been refugees for centuries, we bear significant responsibility for their well-being.

While we support any effort to mitigate a ceasefire, the IDA is deeply concerned by the Israeli policy towards the war, which we deem unbecoming of Israel's role as a liberal democracy and as the state of the Jewish people. Specifically, the IDA calls the government of the State of Israel to:

- Condemn Russia in the strongest terms for its illegal and unprovoked war against Ukraine and especially its atrocious attacks against the civilian population and infrastructure (i.e. hospitals).
- Significantly increase the amount of humanitarian aid provided to Ukraine.
- Ensure that Israel would not become a haven for Russian capital, Russian assets, or Russian oligarchs who support Putin's tyrannical regime.
- Increase the number of refugees absorbed in Israel, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.
- Ensure that Israelis do not take advantage of the situation of refugees arriving in Israel, trying to force them into human trafficking or prostitution.