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**DECLARATION OF CIRCASSIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
REGARDING RUSSIA'S AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINIAN STATE**

We, the representatives of the Circassian people, support Ukraine's struggle for freedom and independence and condemn the actions of the Kremlin administration, which are an undisguised, unjustified aggressive war against Ukraine. We demand an immediate ceasefire, withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of Ukraine, and the restoration of borders recognized by the international community.

We appeal to our compatriots serving in the ranks of the Russian occupational army to boycott the orders of the command, which are a violation of the laws of a foreign state and the international law. We ask Circassians to refrain from further service in the ranks of the Russian Armed Forces and other armed formations sent to Ukraine by the Kremlin military command.

We must remind that our people have experienced the most brutal genocide by the Russian Empire, which continues to this day. During the period from 1763 to 1864, during the Russo-Caucasian War, the empire destroyed or expelled to the Ottoman Empire 90 percent of the Circassian population, who previously lived compactly in the Caucasus spanning from Chechnia, Ingushetia and Dagestan borders to the Azov Sea and from the Black Sea to the Don River.

Today, the Russian Federation is carrying out the same policy of destruction and expulsion towards the Ukrainian people. We, the Circassians, cannot but feel pain and indignation witnessing the repetition of similar actions against any other people. Sharing the suffering of the Ukrainian people, we express our support to them and appeal to all Circassians to support sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. Fight and you will win!

Slava Ukraine!

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