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Brazilian Academy of Sciences Condemns Attack on the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

The Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) firmly condemns the attack that struck the premises of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv, causing deaths, injuries, and severe material damage. We express our solidarity with the victims and their families, the Ukrainian scientific community, and the population affected by the war.

The ABC reaffirms its longstanding commitment to defending the democratic rule of law, the sovereignty of nations, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. These principles, which guide our statements and our work at the national and international levels, require respect for human rights and for the independence and territorial integrity of countries. Their defense must prevail under all circumstances, regardless of the political or economic interests involved.

Attacks against civilians and institutions dedicated to science and education are unacceptable. The protection of people and civilian infrastructure is a fundamental obligation under international humanitarian law. The destruction of scientific institutions endangers lives, disrupts research and the education of new generations, and threatens a legacy of knowledge built for the benefit of all humanity.

Science and education are essential to the sovereign development of countries and to building democratic, sustainable, and socially just societies. Academies of sciences have a responsibility to defend freedom of inquiry, promote international cooperation, and help ensure that the benefits of knowledge are shared fairly and equitably. Even in times of profound division, scientific institutions must preserve spaces for dialogue and collaboration among peoples.

Consistent with its previous statements in defense of democracy and against violence, the ABC rejects the use of force as a means of resolving conflicts and calls upon the international community to act to protect scientific and educational institutions and their communities. We reaffirm our support for lasting peace, founded on respect for the sovereignty of nations, human rights, and dialogue. Science must continue to bring peoples closer together and contribute to building this future.



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