

FOR APPROVAL BY THE ICA EXECUTIVE BOARD – EB meeting 2022-03-10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

1. The International Council on Archives (ICA), through a majority vote among the members of its Executive Board, and:
 - a) in the light of the armed aggression launched against Ukraine, including its people, both military and civilian, its government, its cities and infrastructure, and its irreplaceable documentary and cultural heritage, by the government of the Russian Federation with the support of the Republic of Belarus,
 - b) in support of the people of Ukraine, its legitimately and democratically elected government, and its professional communities and institutions involved in information, records and archives management now at risk of destruction,
 - c) consistent with the principles and values upheld by the ICA that support the rule of law, care of the world's archival heritage and the protection of all personnel dedicated to the stewardship of irreplaceable documentary heritage,

has decided to suspend its relations with the four Russian and Belarusian public archival institutions that are members of the ICA:

RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

- Russian Federal Archival Agency
- Committee on Archives by the Government of Udmurt Republic
- State Committee on Archives of the Republic of Tatarstan

REPUBLIC OF BELARUS:

- Department for Archives and Records Management of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus

2. Suspension of relations means that all formal contacts between these institutions and their employees with the ICA, its entities (expert groups, sections, branches) and authorities (Fund for the International Development of Archives, Programme Commission, Forum of National Archivists, Forum of Professional Associations, Executive Board, General Assembly) and all participation in ICA's activities and events (conferences, congresses, International Archives Week, and similar activities) shall be halted until such time as a ceasefire has been negotiated to the satisfaction of the legitimate government of Ukraine and ensuring the safety and sovereignty of the individuals and institutions that protect the cultural heritage of Ukraine.
3. The ICA, its entities, authorities and members are called upon to implement this decision of the ICA Executive Board with immediate effect.
4. The ICA strongly appeals to the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Belarus to stop this armed aggression, urging them to respect and protect the professional communities and institutions involved in information, records and archives management, who are the guardians of the memory of Ukraine, but also of the records and archives testifying to the identity, rights, and responsibilities of its people and its legitimately and democratically elected government.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES (ICA) EXECUTIVE BOARD
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