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Dear Russian colleagues,

the launch of an unprovoked invasion of Russian troops into the free and independent country of Ukraine has left us in shock. Any disagreements, differences of opinions, territorial disputes, worries about alleged threats to national minorities must not be used as a pretext to start a war with a neighbor.

Killing civilians, soldiers defending their homeland, destroying cities, villages, infrastructure, or nuclear arms adventurism will not resolve but complicate any of these disputes, real or perceived.

We, the staff of the Institute of Biotechnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, ask you, our colleagues, scientists and citizens of the Russian Federation, to turn to the President of the Russian Federation and your government to end this undeclared war against Ukraine.

Help stop the war and the degradation of principles of humanity!

For the staff of the Institute of Biotechnology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

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