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Dear friends,

the events of recent days have prompted us to write these words of solidarity with the Ukrainian population. We hoped that, after the sufferings in the last century, the war was forever doomed to remain far from the borders of Europe.

Our School was born precisely to promote cooperation, to bring a message of solidarity to the countries that most needed to acquire knowledge in cardiac surgery. In over 30 years, a community of doctors, united and capable of transmitting brotherhood and generosity, has been formed. We saw it during the beginning of the Covid pandemic that dramatically hit the city of Bergamo. We will never forget, ironically, the help of Russian doctors, including Alumni of the International Heart School. And even now, without distinction of nationality, we are close to the people who suffer, who mourn their dead, to the Ukrainian health personnel who are called to operate in critical conditions, in the awareness that this time the suffering does not come by fate but by human will. War is never the answer to any problem; there is no reason that justifies war. And people of science are among the first called to affirm this with words and deeds. We are in contact with the Ukrainian doctors of our School and we are available to help them in any possible way. As specialists we know the heart well, and we know that when the heart beats, it beats for peace.

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