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**ITF Statement in support of the Ukrainian ITF members, its practitioners, and all
the people of Ukraine**

The International Taekwon-Do Federation expresses its deepest sorrow and concerns due to the present situation in Ukraine following the military activities of Russia in Ukraine.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of International Taekwon-Do Federation and the Taekwon-Do community worldwide we would like to express our deepest sympathy, solidarity, and full support to the members of all our Ukrainian members and their families and pray that they are all safe and healthy.

In these extremely difficult times, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine. We join with all the families of the victims of the war in Ukraine in their pain and their prayers.

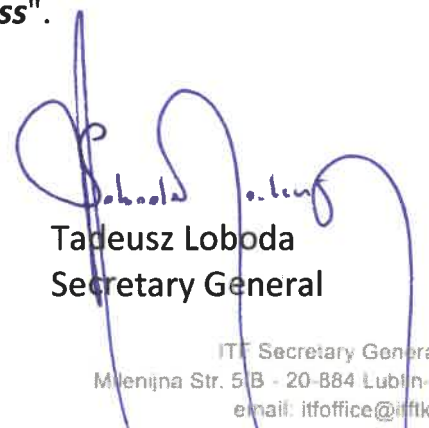
We pray that this war will soon be over, peace will be restored, and that Ukraine and its people will soon recover and be able to live again peacefully and move forwards towards a promising bright future, under its independent sovereignty, secured and united as any nation deserves to live.

The ITF core values call upon condemning any violence. The ITF philosophy held down by the Founding Father, General Choi Hong-Hi teach us that "Empathy is that attitude which consists in knowing how to place oneself in our fellow being's position, especially when they are suffering. Such predisposition will always bring about positive deeds".

We fully endorse the words of the UN Secretary General in saying: "***It is time for restraint, reason and de-escalation. There is no place for actions and statements that would take this dangerous situation over the abyss***".



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