

To: Ambassador of the Russian Federation  
H.E. Alexander Vasilievich Shulgin,  
Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Netherlands  
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Dear Ambassador,

I firmly protest against the outrageous invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces.

Despite the protests of citizens and governments all over the world, Russia has launched a military attack on Kiev and other parts of Ukraine. This is a clear act of aggression and I reiterate my protest.

A unilateral military attack on a sovereign state is a grave criminal offence against the UN Charter, and I urge an immediate halt to the military operation and the withdrawal of Russian troops.

Please call on the authorities in Russia to respect international law, protect civilians, and stop Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Since the Russian invasion began on 24 February 2022, there has been an escalation in violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, including the killing and injuring of civilians resulting from indiscriminate attacks on civilian areas and infrastructure.

Strikes on protected buildings such as hospitals and schools, the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects, and the use of banned indiscriminate weapons such as cluster bombs, may constitute war crimes. All perpetrators must be held to account.

The Russian Federation is acting in clear breach of its obligations under international law. Its actions are blatantly against the rules and principles on which the UN was founded. And it is abusing its position as a permanent member of the UN Security Council to shield itself from accountability.

Once again, I call on you to make sure that the authorities in Russia respect international law, protect civilians and stop the aggression against Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,