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## Message from the Chairperson

The military attack against Ukraine has threatened the safety and the lives in the cities in Ukraine including our member cities, and many lives have been lost. I must express my deep concerns about the extremely difficult situation.

Every historical city was built based on the wisdom of humanity, and has been developed until today, preserving its unique culture and traditions and making efforts to create new values. It is the asset that should be passed down to next generations.

The League of Historical Cities was established in order to promote world peace, which is fundamental for maintaining and developing the cities and is a desire of all mankind. For the cities having the common bond as being a historical city, the League serves as a platform to promote exchanges and foster solidarity. We adopted the Declaration of Peace Action in Gyeongju in 2005 and declared that historical cities hoped for world peace and would work together with people around the world beyond borders.

Every conflict should be resolved in a peaceful manner such as dialogues, not by any military methods. I, as the Chairperson of the League, which has carried out initiatives for promoting peace through exchanges, demand that all military actions in Ukraine should be immediately stopped and troops be called back. I also invite our member cities and all the other cities that agree to this statement to take actions for peace and support our friends in historical cities in Ukraine.

I sincerely hope that the war end immediately and peace will return to Ukraine as soon as possible.

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