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Dear President and Council Delegates,

We are all shocked by what is happening in Ukraine and very worried about our colleagues and all those who are suffering during these dramatic times. As ACCU delegates we received many messages from the user community expressing their distress.

With this letter we would like to put forward a request from the ACCU delegates to the Council to address the following points:

- A statement from the CERN Council about the war in Ukraine and if there are any plans to re-evaluate CERN's collaboration with the Russian government authorities.
- A public expression of the following views which we share:
 - solidarity with the Ukrainian people, who are living a tragedy unfolding by the hour;
 - a clear message that the CERN community strongly rejects any form of war and promotes peace as the only possible way towards human progress and development;
 - support of Russian scientists who are openly opposed to the war through a widely signed petition.
- Supporting the development of dedicated exchange and internship programs, donations, etc. for Ukrainian scientists.

In line with CERN's values and as scientists we remain committed to promote science inspired by the principles of collaboration, solidarity and respect of human rights.

Thank you for your consideration

—Cristina Biino on behalf of the ACCU Delegates

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