

Dear colleagues,

We, the banking associations of Ukraine, represent the entire banking system operating in Ukraine. We address you, as influential public organizations in your countries, our colleagues and partners, to inform your citizens about the military intervention of the Russian Federation against Ukraine on March 1st, 2014.

Officials of the Russian Federation have named the protection of the Russian-speaking population of Ukraine, especially in the Crimean region, as the grounds for their invasion.

The members of the Russian Presidential Council on civil society development and human rights, in a statement on the events in Ukraine, have noted that "the use of foreign military force associated with the violation of the sovereignty of a neighboring state, contrary to Russia's international obligations, in our opinion, is not adequate to the scale of the violations. In particular, the information about the attacks, riots and killings in the Crimea are unreliable and exaggerated".

We responsibly state that the information about the threat to life, health and the rights of citizens of Ukraine regardless of their nationality, language, religion and other characteristics is not true. The rights of every citizen of Ukraine are guaranteed by the Constitution and other laws of Ukraine.

We do not know of a single fact about the targeted disruption of the activities of Russian or other banks with foreign capital.

We request that you use this information in your communications with the media and representatives of your government to stop the military invasion of Russia in Ukraine and force it to withdraw its troops to their permanent bases.

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