

March 8, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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CC: The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) are alarmed at the recent brutal and unprovoked military attacks initiated by the Russian government in the sovereign country of Ukraine. The destructive impact of war is already evident and will have long term and serious consequences for the innocent citizens and residents of Ukraine, men, women and children. The largest concentration of Ukrainians outside of Ukraine and Russia are in Canada and have helped to shape our nation.

CFUW welcomed the United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-11/1 against the invasion of Ukraine and applauded the March 4, 2022 appeal by the [Global Network of Women Peacebuilders](#) for immediate ceasefire in Ukraine and respect for International human rights and humanitarian laws.

CFUW is encouraged by the action of the Canadian government in standing firm against the invasion of Ukraine and asks that Canada provide needed support to the government and people of Ukraine to aid in the defence of their country along with humanitarian aid and development funding. CFUW is very pleased with the joint referral from Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands to the International Criminal Court to expedite an investigation of the invasion, highlighting the necessity of multilateralism to achieve resolution. CFUW asks the Federal government to promote the engagement of women as full participants in the resolution of this conflict, in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

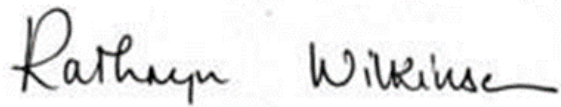
We note countries and cities that have lit their towers, buildings, and monuments with blue and yellow in unity with Ukraine. We salute those from around the world who are demonstrating in solidarity against the Russian invasion of Ukraine, especially those in Russia who are doing so at great risk. We have suggested our members support local level community initiatives or make

financial contributions to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal or directly to Red Cross, Ukraine.

CFUW has long advocated for a culture of peace and supports Canada's role as an international mediator and peacekeeper through non-violent conflict prevention, peace negotiations, and conflict resolution. We are grateful that Canada remains a strong partner in the NATO alliance.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Wilkinson, National President, CFUW

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Joy Hurst, Vice President International Relations, CFUW

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