



**INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION
RUSSIAN SECTION
PRESIDENT**

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Dear Pierre,

Yesterday, at an Emergency Meeting of the CEC, we considered your letter of 28 February 2022.

The International Police Association traditionally distances itself from politics. Despite the fact that in the last decade armed conflicts related to the deployment of armed forces of one state in the territory of another have occurred more than once (Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen), the IPA has stayed away from these processes.

This scourge, which we have been experiencing for a long time together with our people, did not emerge on 24 February, as many believe, but has been developing for 8 consecutive years. During this period, according to UN estimates, more than 15 thousand citizens in the newly formed People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk became victims of it, among them police officers, veterans and their families. Within the limits of our capabilities and our Statutes, we were not mere observers, we helped and now continue to help refugees, who are expected to reach at least 1 million people arriving in Russia in the near future, we participate in providing humanitarian assistance to police veterans and their families. For all these 8 years, we have never appealed to our international police community and the leadership of the IPA, have not called for help, have not participated in condemning one or another side of the conflict, realising that politicians are doing this.

Now the situation has been forced into a different format and a different phase. The entire world is in suspense and waiting for the conflict to end as soon as possible. I am sure that the negotiation processes started recently will give positive results and lead to peace.

I ask you not to deviate from the principles of the IPA regarding the events in Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

In conclusion, I endorse the words of Benjamin Ferencz, a well-known American lawyer, a fighter against Nazi crimes after World War II, who said the other day: "Law, not war." Let the conflicts be resolved in the prescribed manner, and the Association does not take part in them as it is enshrined in our Statutes.

Best regards,
Servo per Amikeco

Yury Zhdanov