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RE: Conflict in Ukraine: A statement from the COA President and COA Global Surgery Committee (COAGS)

Dear COA Members,

It's with an ever-increasing concern that the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA) is following the escalating crisis in Ukraine closely as the conflict and human tragedy persist.

Such aggression and subsequent human suffering are never acceptable and challenge the fundamental principles of freedom, democracy and self-determination, values that are in keeping with those of the COA.

As a national orthopaedic association, we are fully committed to reducing human suffering from injury or trauma, not just across Canada but worldwide. We encourage all COA Members to offer support where they can to assist those in Ukraine to care for the injured.

With many members inquiring about how they can help, we encourage you to visit the [Government of Canada's official Response to the Crisis in Ukraine](#), where you can find resources to assist, including financial **donation options that the Government of Canada is matching until March 18, 2022.**

On behalf of its members, the COA Executive Committee has made a direct contribution to the [Red Cross Humanitarian Crisis Appeal](#), with the hope that a small gesture can provide some relief to those in need.

The Association's leadership and Board continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers. We sincerely appreciate any support you can individually provide to ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people at this time.

Should you have any resources to share with the COA community, please do not hesitate to [reach out](#).

Sincerely,

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Supriya Singh, Chair COA Global Surgery Committee