

Statement agreed by the ENQA Board, Brussels, 8 March 2022

1. ENQA condemns the invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent human cost in terms of loss of life, injury and the refugee crisis that has emerged. We are deeply concerned for the safety of our colleagues in NAQA, Ukraine and have been in regular contact. We hope that dialogue and diplomacy can replace war, with a peaceful solution found quickly.
2. The invasion of Ukraine is a fundamental violation of values of higher education and we have endorsed the proposal that the Bologna Follow Up Group should suspend Russia's rights of representation in all structures and activities of the European Higher Education Area.
3. Having taken the decision to call on others to act, we have also concluded that it is only right that we should act too. We have decided therefore, that we should suspend the rights of our Member and Affiliate agencies in Russia. The agencies affected are:
 - National Accreditation Agency of the Russian Federation (NAA), member
 - National Centre of Public Accreditation (NCPA), member
 - Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and Career Development (AKKORK), affiliate
 - Russian Register Certification Association, affiliate
4. We place no responsibility for this war on our colleagues and look forward to being able to welcome them back as colleagues and friends into our work. We will keep this suspension under review and will maintain communication with our colleagues in Russia.
5. We call on all our members and affiliates to consider their own engagement in Russia and to do whatever they can to provide humanitarian support for refugees, students, scholars, and academics.

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