

Re: Urgent action needed help Ukrainian persons with disabilities

Dear Prime Minister [surname],

I/we call on you to urgently take action to bring an end to the war in Ukraine and to ensure the safety of its citizens. As an organisation /persons promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, I/we place particular importance to the safety of persons with disabilities and their families in the war.

We know that their situation is grave. They are either trying to flee, taking dangerous journeys to cross their borders for safety, or they are confined to their homes in cities under attack, or left in institutions, unable to move to shelters. This cannot be allowed to happen.

We ask you to urgently:

- Participate in international actions to bring peace
- Ensure humanitarian help is provided to persons with disabilities and their families in Ukraine in cooperation with local organisations; this includes people and children in their homes, shelters, hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals) and residential institutions, all of whom face severe risk to their lives
- Ensure the safe and swift passage to our country of Ukrainian refugees and other persons fleeing from Ukraine irrespective of their nationality, with measures in place to include refugees with disabilities - accessible transport, procedures, accommodation and communication are essential.
- Ensure that people requiring medical support should be identified and provided healthcare according to their specific needs, not only emergency medical assistance but also support for people with chronic conditions such as epilepsy, diabetes and heart disease
- To ensure that your humanitarian activities, ensure that your implementing partners fully address the urgent needs of persons with disabilities by applying the [IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#).

Yours sincerely,

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