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**Statement protesting the military aggression
against Ukraine by the Russian Federation**

KAKUDAN, a Japanese community of experimental researchers who are engaged in basic research in nuclear physics, strongly protests the military aggression against Ukraine by the Russian Federation. We condemn the Russian government for its attacks on nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities and for its threats to use nuclear weapons to intimidate the international community.

In Japan, which experienced the terrible tragedy of the atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the massive nuclear disaster of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident, we, as nuclear physicists, can never abide the Russian government violating nuclear security. We sincerely hope that the Russian Federation will accede to the order by the UN International Court of Justice to immediately suspend its hostilities in Ukraine and that a peaceful resolution can then be achieved through diplomacy and dialogue.

We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian citizens, especially scientists of the nuclear physics community, in their difficult situation and we also support those Russian nuclear physicists and citizens who courageously oppose the war.

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