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To the Ukrainian Paediatric Society

Dear colleagues,

We wish to deeply lament and condemn the horrible and unfair war that you and your country have been forced into. We cannot imagine what you are going through but can only try our best to follow the developments provided by the media.

As representatives of the Swedish Paediatric Society, we are especially concerned about the health of the Ukrainian children and their access to basic needs and health care. We are unsure to what extent care has been disrupted and to what degree you face shortages of essential medicines and equipment. We therefore contact you as colleagues to show our support and ask if there is any way in which we can assist to meet those needs? We believe we are in a position to both push for humanitarian actions by the Swedish Government and also to co-operate with other stakeholders to support your needs or, to just spread information about the current situation for children in Ukraine.

We completely understand if you are too busy to answer to this right now and/or that it might be hard to overview the current situation. Please just know that we remain available to learn from you about the situation for Ukrainian children and their needs. Whenever you think there is any way in which we could assist, just let us know.

Yours sincerely,

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