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Re: Joint Statement on Arctic Council Cooperation following Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Gwich'in Council International welcomes the collective pause of activities of the Arctic Council as we explore new modalities for pursuing peace and cooperation in the north. We have grave concern for the people of Ukraine, particularly the indigenous peoples, due to the invasion by Russia. We stand with our partners around the world in calling for peace in Ukraine, a peace which can only be achieved by Russia recalling its armed forces immediately.

As always, Gwich'in Council International remains committed to engage in productive dialogues that advance the collective aim and responsibility of stewarding a peaceful Arctic region built on cooperation and our shared value of mutual respect.

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