



Founded by victims of the First World War in 1917, the SoVD is committed to the basic principles of democracy, peace and freedom, and therefore has a particular responsibility to speak out against any form of military action. Ever since Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February, we have been overwhelmed by images and reports of inconceivable war atrocities. Seeing families with children seeking shelter in underground stations, images of dead and wounded people or thousands on the run also leave us speechless. On behalf of all members of the SoVD we call on President Vladimir Putin and the Russian leadership to immediately stop these senseless military actions and not inflict any more suffering on millions of innocent children, women and men. Those resorting to war as a means of resolving political conflicts expose themselves as misanthropes.

At the same time, we appeal to the people of Russia. Please do everything in your power to stop this criminal warfare waged by your political leadership! Help stop the suffering.

Finally, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. We support German politicians in everything they do to persuade President Putin to immediately stop the war. We will meet people fleeing the war with open arms and will help them.

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