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## **MIR Italia condemns war and points the way of nonviolence**

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MIR Italia (Italian Branch of IFOR), with all peace-loving people, suffers on this sad day of aggression against Ukraine by the Russian armies. It expresses its condemnation of the war that is returning to Europe for the sake of power, to shift the borders of states, to give vent to the military industrial system, to conquer energy resources. This military operation has been prepared and decided without regard for human lives and the suffering of the people, without respect for law and justice, without care for the environment which will be further devastated, without consideration for the wave of refugees and the further impoverishment of the Ukrainian population.

MIR Italy joins the calls from all sides for a ceasefire, peace, dialogue, disarmament and a non-violent solution to the conflict. It adopts and disseminates the statements of IFOR and the [Italian Peace and Disarmament Network](#) (of which it is a member), [ICAN \(International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons\)](#), [the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement](#), [the Russian Conscientious Objectors Movement](#), [War Resisters' International](#), and Pope Francis, who invites people to dedicate March 2 to prayer, fasting and reflection for peace.

MIR Italy invites everyone to exhibit the flags of peace and to demonstrate in the streets against the madness of war, to stop the armies and to follow the path of non-violence and reconciliation, of dialogue with mutual listening, of the search for freedom and justice for all. Convinced that one must not respond to evil with more evil, to violence with more violence, to the force of arms with other arms, it expresses solidarity with those in Russia and Ukraine who implement non-armed non-violent defence and courageously object to military power.

Pierangelo Monti, President MIR Italia