








# Official Statements on Ukraine Issued by Language Teaching Associations

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## ENGLISH TEACHING ASSOCIATIONS

1	<p>TESOL International</p> 	<p><b>Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages</b> (Feb. 25, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TESOL shares the world's distress and grief at the events in Ukraine. It is our strong hope that this situation will soon come to a peaceful resolution. We stand with organizations, educators and learners who wish to change the world through education.</li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.tesol.org/">https://www.tesol.org/</a></p>
2	<p>TESOL Spain</p> 	<p><b>TESOL Spain</b> (no date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TESOL-SPAIN shares the world's distress and concern with the events unfolding in Ukraine. It is our hope that the situation will soon come to a peaceful resolution. This is certainly a distressing time for the people of Ukraine and we appeal to all members to support a peaceful outcome. TESOL-SPAIN supports all teachers, teacher educators and students who make a change to opinions through education.</li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="http://www.tesol-spain.org/en/">http://www.tesol-spain.org/en/</a></p>
3	<p>New York State TESOL (USA)</p> 	<p><b>New York State TESOL Position Statement on Ukraine</b> (no date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NYS TESOL wants to be clear about what is happening. The pain and loss of life is staggering, and sure to continue as the attacks intensify, but this is more than just sad or tragic - tragedies can be accidental or random, of unexplained origin or cause. This is a brutal, pre-planned, and escalating act of imperialism, the leadership of a more powerful nation-state attempting to impose its will on a people they believe belong to them. If you are able to support their resistance, please consider the organizations we have listed.</li> </ul> <p>Full statement with list: <a href="https://nystesol.org/nys_tesol_statement_on_ukraine.php">https://nystesol.org/nys_tesol_statement_on_ukraine.php</a></p>
4	<p>TESOL Ontario (Canada)</p> 	<p><b>TESOL Ontario</b> (March 1, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Russian invasion of Ukraine is deeply unacceptable to our organization whose values are based on community, education and multiculturalism. We stand in solidarity with our many Ukrainian members whose lives have been affected by this invasion.</li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.teslontario.org">https://www.teslontario.org</a></p>
5	<p>IATEFL (UK)</p> 	<p><b>Int'l Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language</b> (Feb 27, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IATEFL's thoughts are with all those caught up in the current war in Ukraine. We stand in support of all IATEFL members and affiliate associations who oppose and condemn this conflict not of their own making, wherever they are located. IATEFL is a global association dedicated to international cooperation, education, exchange and understanding. We believe now, as much as ever, these values are vitally important.</li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.iatefl.org/news-views/iatefl-statement-ukraine">https://www.iatefl.org/news-views/iatefl-statement-ukraine</a></p>
6	<p>IATEFL Global Issues SIG</p> 	<p><b>IATEFL Global Issues Special Interest Group (GI-SIG)</b> (March 5, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We at GISIG believe that our goal as human beings on this planet should be above all to live peacefully next to one-another and to settle our disputes via negotiations instead of violence. Hopefully you can identify with this message and share it with your students. Our site provides resources to help you bring this important global issue to your lessons.</li> </ul> <p>Full statement with resource list: <a href="https://gisig.iatefl.org/ukraine-2022/">https://gisig.iatefl.org/ukraine-2022/</a></p>
7	<p>IATEFL Poland</p>	<p><b>IATEFL Poland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We stand with Ukraine! (Their website features the Ukrainian flag)</li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://iatefl.org.pl/we-stand-with-ukraine/">https://iatefl.org.pl/we-stand-with-ukraine/</a></p>
8	<p>English UK</p> 	<p><b>English UK Statement on Ukraine</b> (March 4, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are appalled by the decision of the Russian government to invade Ukraine. The consequences of this violent invasion and the humanitarian crisis that is unfolding will affect many people across the ELT community. We condemn the invasion and express our support for the people of Ukraine, our Ukrainian colleagues, their students, families, friends and neighbours. In response we have taken a number of steps [details on their website]. As an international education community, let us reflect on the role that all of us can play in sustaining hope and promoting tolerance, dignity and compassion for all.</li> </ul> <p>▪ <a href="https://www.englishuk.com/en/about-us/news-press/english-uk-news?newsId=3268">https://www.englishuk.com/en/about-us/news-press/english-uk-news?newsId=3268</a></p>


## OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSOCIATIONS

1	 Goethe Institute (Germany)	<p><b>Goethe Institute</b> (no date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The Goethe Institute reacts with great dismay to the Russian attack on Ukraine. We have been active in Ukraine since 1993 with, at present, 115 staff working in Kyiv and 4,000 students nationwide. Our thoughts are with our colleagues and their families.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.goethe.de/ins/us/en/ueb/ukr.html">https://www.goethe.de/ins/us/en/ueb/ukr.html</a></p>
2	 ACTFL (USA)	<p><b>American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages</b> (March 1, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ACTFL strongly condemns Russia's invasion of Ukraine. We mourn the tragic loss of life caused by this callous action and stand in solidarity with those who reject this war. When we see acts of naked aggression, acts that threaten life, human dignity and cultural identity, we must call them out, regardless of what region of the world they occur, and the race, gender, sexual identity, economic status, and ability of those affected.</i></li> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.actfl.org/resources/press-releases/actfl-statement-russian-invasion-ukraine">www.actfl.org/resources/press-releases/actfl-statement-russian-invasion-ukraine</a></li> </ul>
3	 AATSP (USA)	<p><b>American Association of Teachers of Spanish &amp; Portuguese</b> (Feb. 28, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The invasion of Ukraine and unrelenting acts of violence have prompted us to ask what we can do help. We are providing here a number of ways to help. Support from language educators is welcome during this time of violence. Todos a una. Paz.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement with list: <a href="http://www.aatsp.org/news/597174/Crisis-in-Ukraine-AATSP.htm">www.aatsp.org/news/597174/Crisis-in-Ukraine-AATSP.htm</a></p>
4	 AATSEEL (USA)	<p><b>American Association of Teachers of Slavic &amp; E. European Languages</b> (no date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We condemn Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine as a violation of international law. We are appalled by the distortions of Russian state media, grieve for the victims of the attacks and stand with those in Ukraine, Russia and beyond who oppose this war.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.aatseel.org">https://www.aatseel.org</a></p>
5	 Duolingo (USA)	<p><b>Duolingo: "Standing with Ukraine" - A Message from the CEO</b> (March 14, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We are devastated by the ongoing war in Ukraine, and stand in solidarity with Ukrainians seeking safety and everyone working towards peace. We believe that education is a human right, and our role in the world is to educate. We are donating all our ad revenue from those learning Ukrainian online with Duolingo to UNHCR, IRC and other groups helping refugees.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://blog.duolingo.com/duolingo-statement-ukraine/">https://blog.duolingo.com/duolingo-statement-ukraine/</a></p>
6	 ICC (Europe)	<p><b>ICC International Language Association</b> (no date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ICC condemns Russia's invasion of Ukraine. We applaud the bravery of the Ukrainian army, the civilian resistance and the courage of the refugees fleeing to neighbouring countries to protect their young from the bombing of Ukraine's cities. We also commend the bravery of the many Russian citizens who have joined anti-war demonstrations in Moscow, St Petersburg and other cities. ICC promotes international understanding. Invading a sovereign nation because of a desire for gains in territory and power is illegal in international law, is immoral, and brings shame on the entire country of Russia. We urge the Russian government: Stop the invasion now. Withdraw your troops. As a sign of solidarity, we offer Ukrainians free places on our teacher training course EUROLTA.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://icc-languages.eu">https://icc-languages.eu</a></p>


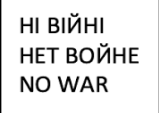
## UKRAINE and RUSSIA

 Ukraine IATEFL Association	<p><b>Ukraine IATEFL Association</b></p> <p><i>Dear members, partners and friends: Thank you for your support! The world obviously stands with Ukraine, and so we will get through this ordeal together. Throughout the country, we are mobilizing. Ukraine's armed forces are well trained, well armed and highly motivated. We will prevail! God help us!</i></p> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://ukraineiatefl.wixsite.com/iateflukraine">https://ukraineiatefl.wixsite.com/iateflukraine</a></p>
 NATE (Russia)	<p><b>National Association of Teachers of English</b> <i>Our job as teachers is extremely difficult, confusing and scary because we are leading our students into a hostile alien world full of hidden traps. Nothing helps more than a well-educated, thoughtful teacher who loves what and whom he teaches and is supported by professional associations.</i></p> <p>Full statement: <a href="http://nate-russia.ru">http://nate-russia.ru</a></p>

## LANGUAGE COUNCILS, AGENCIES and PUBLISHERS

1	<p>AAAL (USA)</p>  <p>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS</p>	<p><b>American Association for Applied Linguistics</b> (March 18, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The American Association for Applied Linguistics is deeply concerned about the escalating humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and surrounding countries. We express our solidarity with those people and communities who have been displaced, injured, or killed in this war. Beyond solidarity, actions are important. AAAL members wishing to assist the growing number of refugees can find links to organizations (NGOs) on our website to which donations can be made. AAAL stands firm in its commitment to the peaceful and just resolution of world conflicts, wherever they may be.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement with NGO list: <a href="http://www.aal.org/Aaal-statement-about-the-war-in-ukraine">www.aal.org/Aaal-statement-about-the-war-in-ukraine</a></p>
2	<p>British Council</p>  <p>BRITISH COUNCIL</p>	<p><b>The British Council</b> (March 1, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and we strongly condemn this act of unprovoked aggression. We are appalled by the human tragedy unfolding in this war.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.britishcouncil.org/about/press/ukraine">https://www.britishcouncil.org/about/press/ukraine</a></p>
3	<p>Cambridge University Press</p>  <p>CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS</p>	<p><b>Cambridge University Press</b> (March 1 &amp; March 15, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We have been shocked by the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine. We are taking whatever action we can to ensure the safety of our colleagues, their families and friends in both countries. Our thoughts are with all those affected by these events.</i></li> </ul> <p>Full statement: <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/news/latest-news/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/news/latest-news/</a></p>
4	<p>Oxford University Press</p>  <p>OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS</p>	<p><b>Oxford University Press</b> (March 16, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We stand behind the response of our parent institution, the University of Oxford: "The unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russia is causing a humanitarian catastrophe to unfold in Europe. Members of our community are appalled by Russia's action and in awe of the bravery shown by Ukrainians as well as the bravery of those Russians who have denounced their government's aggression."</i></li> </ul> <p><i>We are working with countries receiving Ukrainian students into their education systems to ensure access to English language learning and teaching materials. We are also providing free access to the Oxford Readers Collections to Ukrainian students of English who are located either in or outside Ukraine.</i></p> <p>Statement: <a href="https://global.oup.com/news-items/current/oup_ukraine_response?cc=no">https://global.oup.com/news-items/current/oup_ukraine_response?cc=no</a></p>

## TRANSLATORS & INTERPRETERS

1	<p>American Translators Association (USA)</p>  <p>ATA American Translators Association</p>	<p><b>American Translators Association (ATA)</b> (March 4, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>ATA unequivocally condemns the Russian Federation's military invasion of and assault on Ukraine. We express our solidarity with and support for our Ukrainian colleagues, and their families and friends during this challenging time whose lives will never be the same. In addition, we acknowledge the citizens of Russia who have taken a stand for peace and justice at great personal risk, as well as many of Ukraine's neighbors, who are working to provide for those who have been forced to flee their homes. Together we are stronger. We stand in solidarity with our members and colleagues in Ukraine and around the world who oppose the war, and we continue to hope for their safety.</i></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.atanet.org/advocacy-outreach/ata-statement-supporting-interpreters-and-translators-impacted-by-russias-invasion-of-ukraine/">https://www.atanet.org/advocacy-outreach/ata-statement-supporting-interpreters-and-translators-impacted-by-russias-invasion-of-ukraine/</a></p>
2	<p>Ukrainian and Russian Translators</p>  <p>НІ ВІЙНИ НЕТ ВОЙНЕ NO WAR</p>	<p><b>Translators and Interpreters of Ukrainian and Russian</b> (Feb. 24, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We condemn the Russian Federation's military invasion of Ukraine. As translators and interpreters, we have dedicated our professional lives to the integrity of cross-cultural communication. But the Russian regime is attempting to justify military assault by falsifying history and distorting the meaning of cultural and historical concepts. We stand in solidarity with those who oppose this war.</i></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.anneofisher.com/open-letter-condemning-the-russian-invasion-of-ukraine">https://www.anneofisher.com/open-letter-condemning-the-russian-invasion-of-ukraine</a></p>

- The statements above were accessed during the week of March 21 ~ 27, 2022 from the websites listed
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