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IUSTI-Europe Statement on the conflict in Ukraine

The European Branch of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI-Europe) is a medical professional body without political, religious, or social ties. Our members work to build international cooperation to control STIs including HIV and take care of the vulnerable. Our aims are achieved through dialogue.

IUSTI-Europe upholds the values of democracy and peacekeeping. It is deeply distressed by the conflict in Ukraine, which will displace civilians, and disrupt healthcare and prevention programmes. The movement of refugees leaves many vulnerable, and historically has inevitably led to an increase in STI's and HIV.

IUSTI-Europe strongly calls for an end to hostilities. We urge the military on both sides to respect the principles of Medical Neutrality of health care institutions and providers, as enshrined in the Geneva Conventions. Meanwhile we ask governments and NGOs to ensure displaced people are accommodated and can access treatment and care for STIs and HIV.

We would like to extend our support to all our dear friends and colleagues, and everyone involved.

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