



Associazione Italiana  
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### **About the War in Ukraine**

Eighty years after the aftermath of World War Two, recent events in Ukraine saw Europe again witness the violations of core values of contemporary legal civilization. Reference is to principles governing international relations, Europeans imagined as belonging to a far-reaching past, not practiced anymore but, rather, to firmly oppose.

The recognition of the Donbas "Independent Republics", the declared existence of a duty to protect their populations from their legitimate government, the "consequential urge" to undertake military intervention: these are the pretexts - not new for those who look back to the tragedies of the Twentieth Century - for exercising violence and breaching the territorial integrity of a sovereign State.

The extraordinary power of weapons is already inflicting enormous suffering, death, and material destruction to the Ukrainian population.

Europe, in the first place, Italy, and all Western democracies are now expected to make difficult choices, to lead cohesive and firm reactions, to reaffirm the law through the implementation of systems of sanctions over military engagement.

The Italian Association of Constitutionalists, relying on Article 11 of the Italian Constitution, which repudiates war as a tool of offense to the freedom of other peoples and as a mechanism of international disputes resolution, joins its voice with all - political and spiritual leaders, international organizations, States, and the civil society at large - who are calling for an immediate cessation of war operations and a return to the political and diplomatic dialogue.

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