

The Russian Union of Rectors (RUR) Statement

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Dear colleagues!

We are witnessing the events that concern every citizen of Russia. Russia's decision is to finally end the eight-year confrontation between Ukraine and Donbass, to achieve the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine and thereby protect itself from growing military threats.

We, the rector's corps of the Russian Federation, have been developing and strengthening Russian-Ukrainian scientific and educational ties for many decades, and have carefully treated each other. Our joint research has made a huge contribution to world science, so the long-term tragedy in Donbass resonates with special pain and bitterness in our hearts.

It is very important these days to support our country, our army, which defends our security, to support our President, who made perhaps the most difficult decision in his life, a hard-won, but necessary decision.

It is important not to forget about our main duty - to conduct a continuous educational process, to educate patriotism in young people, the desire to help the Motherland.

Universities have always been a pillar of the state. Our priority goal is to serve Russia and develop its intellectual potential. Now more than ever, we must demonstrate confidence and resilience in the face of economic and information attacks, effectively rally around our President, by our example strengthening in young people an optimistic spirit and faith in the power of reason, inspiring hope for the imminent advent of peace.

Together we are a great power!