



## **FMWC Women, Peace & Security Committee**

### **Statement Calling for Ceasefire**

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) is committed to supporting the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace, and Security). We deplore violence against civilians, including women and girls in any region of the world, including Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine. Since World War II, the risk for nuclear war has never been greater. Wars in recent years have rendered large areas uninhabitable, generated tens of millions of refugees, and resulted in serious food insecurity. Women and children are particularly vulnerable in armed conflicts. While women bear the burden of ensuring the day-to-day survival of their families, they endure devastating traumatic experiences, disruption of family structure, uncertain geographic displacement, abject poverty, and social disintegration.

The FMWC Women Peace and Security committee supports peaceful forms of conflict resolution; meaningful participation of women and youth in world peace and security discussions. They also support both the prevention and protection of women and girls from any forms of violence - particularly sexual and gender-based violence. The war in Ukraine and other countries is of deep

concern. We stand with the people of Ukraine, as we stand with every people suffering invasion, displacement, and occupation.

We demand an immediate ceasefire. We call upon the Government of Canada to facilitate a diplomatic negotiated settlement, and the international community to support a comprehensive Peace Treaty in the context of the United Nations. We believe lasting peace can be achieved by peacebuilding, and an inclusive international security framework that de-escalates tensions, expands freedoms, pursues social and environmental justice, and terminates the domination of one country by another.