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Message from the Mayor of Niigata City on the
Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Russia's current invasion of Ukraine threatens the peace, order, and safety of international society, and it is a clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations, causing the suffering of civilians, including children. These actions will not be tolerated.

For more than half a century, our city has sought for peace and stability in the Northeast Asian region, and alongside the citizens of Niigata, we have striven towards friendship and mutual understanding. The aforementioned military invasion run contrary to those ideas.

As a city that has issued a Nuclear-Free Peace City Declaration with hopes for the abolition of nuclear weapons and for lasting world peace, we urge the Russian army to withdraw immediately from Ukraine, and call for the peaceful resolution of this situation as soon as possible, with the help of diplomatic efforts of the governments of various countries.

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