



## **IFRRO STATEMENT CONDEMNING RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE AND SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS**

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The International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO) unreservedly condemns the decision by the Russian government to invade Ukraine and the atrocities committed against the people of Ukraine, in complete disregard of human rights and international laws.

IFRRO strongly supports Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We commend the strong leadership shown by governments world-wide in issuing strict economic and political sanctions against Russia, and applaud the many efforts made to diminish Russia's capacity to continue to finance this unconscionable war.

As an international association, whose membership encompasses collective management organisations as well as creators' and publishers' associations from all over the globe, IFRRO strongly supports the rights of Ukrainian authors and publishers.

IFRRO and its members also condemn efforts by the Russian government to deny compensation to rightsholders from so called "unfriendly states" in a clear breach of international intellectual property norms.

IFRRO and its members stand in resolute solidarity with the Ukrainian people, with our colleagues and friends in Ukraine, as well as those opposing the conflict.

IFRRO calls upon its members and extended network of creators and publishers to:

1. Support, wherever possible, Ukrainian humanitarian aid efforts
2. Advocate, wherever possible, for the rights of Ukrainian authors and publishers and support all creators and publishers, including those from Russia, who stand against Russian government aggression
3. Respect international efforts to thwart Russia's continued aggression via sanctions, and to carefully assess whether the international situation demands readjustment of cooperation with Russian entities.

### **About IFRRO**

[IFRRO](http://www.ifrro.org), the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations, is the international network of collective management organisations and creators' and publishers' associations in the text and image spheres ([www.ifrro.org](http://www.ifrro.org)), with 154 members in over 80 countries, encompassing 106 Reproduction Rights Organisations (RROs) and 48 Creator or Publisher Association Members.

IFRRO's mission is to develop and promote effective collective rights management to ensure that the copyrights of authors and publishers are valued through the lawful and remunerated use of text and image-based works.