

Dear colleagues!

our Russian Society of Psychiatrists have discussed the WPA statement between the executive committee members and we would like to share with you our opinion.

We as the members of the Russian Society of Psychiatrists Executive Committee taking into account the coming requests would like to provide you with following information. Long-standing military confrontation in the Ukraine, accompanied by deaths and hardships of the civil citizens can not but cause in us as medical doctors most serious concerns. From our part we are doing our best to fulfil our duty and to provide with the best possible mental health care all those who need it regardless their nationality and political belongings. We are also opened for all kinds of cooperation with our colleagues psychiatrists if it will serve the protection of mental health of our patients and development psychiatry as a science.

At the same time with great concerns we are hearing the calls to destroy the existing international collaboration between professional international societies. We believe that all the attempts of the political pressure and discrimination based on the national or citizenship origins are unacceptable.

Medicine is medicine and cannot be a subject of politicization. Any politicization interfering in our professional field will as a result harm our patients. We all have one duty, to provide medical service to all citizens regardless their nationality, citizenship and political beliefs.

Tragic events at the Ukraine will be a serious burden for mental health and well-being of many people and therefore it is extremely important for the psychiatrists to continue mutual work in the search of the best possible healthcare approach for the population.

We call on Russian psychiatrists and our colleagues in the other countries to provide mutual support and professional care using all the available in their disposition means

*The RSP executive committee*