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UKRAINE: STATEMENT BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF POLITICAL STUDIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

STRASBOURG 24.02.2026: On this anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine four years ago, in violation of human rights, peace and security in Europe, the Association of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe (ASPS) expresses its solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

Ukrainians have shown extraordinary courage, resilience and commitment to democratic values, which we salute with the deepest respect, said Jack Hanning, President of the ASPS.

As an Association dedicated to promoting democratic leadership, dialogue and the principles of the Council of Europe, we pay tribute to our partner, the Kyiv School of Political Studies, and its many alumni who are continuing to defend their country, human rights and the rule of law in the most appalling circumstances.

The ASPS reaffirms its support for Ukraine's independence within a democratic Europe and for a just and lasting peace based on respect for international law and human rights, not on self-seeking economic ambitions, said the ASPS President.