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**Appeal to the EAP Board, National and Accreditation Organizations of the EAP, the EAP Ethics  
Committee regarding the EAP's position on Russia's aggressive war against Ukraine**

Dear Board Members, Dear Representatives of the National and Accreditation Organizations, the Ethical Committee of the EAP!

The Ukrainian Umbrella Association of Psychotherapists (UUAP) expresses its sincere indignation over the actions of the Board of the EAP and the President of the EAP, Ms. Patricia Hunt, and demands that this letter be published on the website of the EAP.

An appeal signed by the EAP President was posted on the website of the Professional Psychotherapeutic League of Russia (PPL) on 4.03.2022.

URL:<https://oppl.ru/novosti/priglasenie-rossiyskim-psihoterapevtam-k-uchastiyu.html?fbclid=IwAR3CWONh6hpEY1AeAwIC22YhMasPnj7-p7Vo9DQATJD8ypaNq5x73cpcHSc> (date of application March, 4, 2022, see the screen attached).

In a statement published on the PPL website, Ms Patricia Hunt expresses concern and support for Russian psychotherapists regarding the financial crisis in Russia and offers free attendance at the EAP Congress, which violates the strategy of international financial sanctions against Russia.

In a telephone conversation on 04.03.2022 with the President of the UUAP, Mr. Alexander Filz, Ms. Patricia Hunt confirmed the fact of the letter in English she had sent to the PPL Secretariat. According to her, the motivation for inviting Russian psychotherapists to the EAP Congress without payment was the belief that they suffer from Vladimir Putin's policies and sincerely condemn them. On 05.03.2022 the appeal was removed from the website of the PPL.

Following the decision of the extraordinary meeting on 05.03.2022, the UUAP Secretariat has addressed an official letter to the Executive committee of EAP (see the UUAP website).

The reply received on 7.03.2022 shows that the EAP President is ignoring all our demands to provide official explanations and to publish the appeal and the response on the EAP website.

Offering free participation in the EAP Congress to Ukrainian psychotherapists and offering a 50% discount to Russian psychotherapists is not only humiliating, but clearly demonstrates that Ms. Patricia Hunt does not understand the processes taking place in the EAP and the overall political situation in Europe.

The UUAP insists on a detailed review of this incident and appeals to the Board and the National and Accrediting Organisations, including the Ethical Commission of the EAP, to provide an adequate assessment of the position and actions of the President of the EAP.

We see a violation of justice and ethics in the following:

1. The EAP as of 7.03.2022 has not expressed an official position on the totalitarian Putin regime and its barbaric full-scale war against Ukraine.

2. Patricia Hunt's judgements are not based on the EAP's promulgated official position condemning Russia's war on Ukraine.
3. Using hybrid warfare information technology, the representatives of the PPL falsified the essence of the EAP President's letter, which was outlined by the PPL on its website as an official EAP proposal, namely by removing the talking points about suffering from Putin's policies and opposition to his regime, which fundamentally changed the content of the letter.

Our comments regarding this were ignored by the EAP board.

Given the above, the Ukrainian Umbrella Association of Psychotherapists DEMANDS that the European Association of Psychotherapy:

1. Receive and make public the official position of the PPL on Russia's aggressive full-scale war against Ukraine.
2. Terminate the membership of the PPL in the EAP until they make their official position public.
3. The resignation of Ms Patricia Hunt, President of the EAP.

Until we receive an official answer to these questions, we refuse to participate in any public events, including the EAP Congress, and also inform that private participation of Ukrainian citizens in these events cannot be regarded as an official position of the UUAP.

The UUAP does not intend to withdraw from the EAP, but sees its task as returning the EAP to high ethical standards.

We also recall that Alexander Filz, President of the UUAP, is one of the co-founders of the EAP in 1991, and the Ukrainian Umbrella Association of Psychotherapists as a general national organisation has been a full member of the EAP since 1996 and is one of the largest national organisations in Europe. The UUAP promotes and supports the professional, educational and ethical standards of the EAP in its own work, and also actively promotes the certification of Ukrainian professionals.

We are convinced that the UUAP has every reason to expect adequate attitude and appropriate respect from the EAP.