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Dear Human Beings, Mister President, Madam High Commissioner, Excellency's, Ladies and Gentlemen, Greetings of peace and understanding,

My heart cries!

Be it on the graves and ruins of Mariupol, or here in the High Audience of the Human Rights Council, the right to life and the nonkilling principle shall always be upheld.

Human rights are fundamental rights.

Rooted in the best and shared parts of our human nature. Needed for our societies to thrive and prosper. Needed for the well-being and happiness of each and all. Only happy people will breed a happy and *sustainable* world.

Along with fundamental rights, we need <u>fundamental methods</u>. *War is not one of them*.

To name a few: education, inclusivity, development goals, consensus, peaceful settlements of disputes - universally, value enhanced procedures.

Peace and the right to peace are links between all people, a link needed to fulfill all human rights.

Now is the time, if ever, to reopen the discussion on the right to peace and to loudly proclaim that Ukrainians and Russians alike, as all human beings have the right to live in peace.

Please, stop the war!

Thank you, Mister President.