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Dear colleague,

we are appalled by the military attacks on your country, on the people of Ukraine. On this way we express our solidarity and our deepest sympathy. We hope that this cruel situation will end soon, that none of you will be hurt or killed. The Russian invasion leaves us stunned and sad. We hope that you will also be able to ward off attacks on the fundamental and human rights of freedom of the press and continue to report independently on what is happening in your country - no matter how difficult and life-threatening it is in these times. We call on Russia and President Putin to stop the aggression immediately and return to the negotiating table. War can never be a solution to political conflicts. We are in contact with the European and the International Federation of Journalists about whether and how we can support you.

All the best and best regards

Frank Überall