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## CORPORATIONS MUST STOP FINANCING PUTIN'S WAR CRIMES.

The world is witnessing an horrific, unjustified, and unprovoked attack by Russia on Ukraine.

Every day we see evidence of the terrible destruction and human suffering. Russian forces frequently use heavy artillery, missiles and aviation to systematically target civilians and residential areas. Russian soldiers commit horrendous human rights abuses on the occupied territories killing, torturing and sexually assaulting civilians.

As the world grapples with the consequences, businesses have a choice to make: stop dealings with Russia and contribute to the restoration of peace or continue funding the Russian murderous war machine.

As a business leader you play a key role in how the world is shaped.

The fight for democracy and freedom is happening now, right in front of our eyes. These are the very same values which underpin your commitments to uphold standards of good Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG).

If you truly believe in upholding these standards, which includes ethical investing, you must now immediately cut all ties with all Russian state and private entities. There are over 1000 companies that have opted to pull out of Russia following its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. These companies aren't just benefiting from a reputational boost, but are also being rewarded by financial markets, whilst those who remain behind are being punished.

Failure to suspend operations in Russia means that your company is in breach of fundamental ethical and ESG standards and is supporting Putin's bloody colonial war to re-create the Russian empire.

Every one of us has a role to play in stopping this atrocious war. By working together Governments, corporations, non-profit organisations, and individuals can halt the human rights violations currently taking place across Ukraine.

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We ask you not to stand aside and wait for others to act.			

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