

## **CIPEG Statement 2022 on the invasion of Ukraine**

On 24 February 2022, military forces from the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine. CIPEG strongly condemns this violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine.

CIPEG recalls the 1954 Den Haag “Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict”, which aims to protect cultural property of any kind regardless of their origin or ownership. CIPEG urges all involved parties to act strictly in accordance with this international treaty.

CIPEG commends the people of Ukraine for their courage in defending their country and own unique cultural heritage.

CIPEG is concerned about the safety and security of the Egyptian Antiquities conserved in museum and university collections at Odesa, Poltava, Dnipro, Lviv, Kyiv, and Kharkiv, which are fundamental parts of world cultural heritage and Ukrainian’s history of collections and museums, and which were already badly damaged during World War II.

CIPEG will stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian colleagues and support any action that could be taken to protect the Egyptian heritage.

CIPEG will further appeal to its members and network partners to intensify the efforts and cooperation with the Ukrainian colleagues in protecting their collections and museums.