

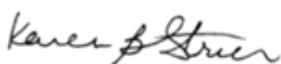
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Statement on the Attack against the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

As Co-Chairs of the InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), we stand with fellow academies and scientific organizations in expressing our condemnation of the attack that struck the headquarters of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv on September 28, 2026. The strike caused loss of life, injuries, and severe damage to the premises of one of Ukraine's foremost scientific institutions. We convey our deepest sympathy to the victims and their families and express our solidarity with the Academy's leadership, staff, researchers, and the wider Ukrainian scientific community.

Scientific institutions are repositories of knowledge, vital centers for research and education, and essential contributors to the social, cultural, and economic development of their countries and the world. Damage to such institutions has consequences that extend far beyond their buildings, disrupting scientific work, education, international cooperation, and the preservation of knowledge for future generations.

We reaffirm our commitment to the protection of academic and scientific freedom and to the ability of researchers, educators, and students to pursue their work in safety. We reiterate the unique capacity of science to foster dialogue, preserve channels of cooperation, and build bridges across national and political divisions, and call for the protection of scientific and educational institutions and their communities at all times.



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