



Statement on the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

The City of London Law Society condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine as an egregious breach of international law and of the international rules-based system, both of which underpin our peace and prosperity.

The CLLS stands ready to assist HM Government in its response to Russia's actions. All sanctions applied by the UK and our international partners should be complied with in full.

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Statement on the Rule of Law

The rule of law is one of the pillars of our free and democratic society. The rule of law requires that everyone, however unpopular they or their cause might be, has access to a lawyer and to our independent courts. The UK Government will take great care to ensure not only that any sanctions achieve their intended purpose but that they comply with the law and are enforceable in the courts.

The rule of law demands that those facing those sanctions should have access to legal advice and the courts to test their legality. The fact that Putin ignores the rule of law does not mean that we should follow his example.

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