

Dear colleagues and friends,

since I still hope that you may want to hear my voice I am writing this message.

MY FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS AT THE URAL FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, EKATERINBURG, RUSSIA ARE AGAINST THE WAR.

Many have been protesting with all possible means, since February 22. Risking a lot. Personally, I could not believe that Russia would start military actions, whatever reasons were behind it. Even when Gunnar left. I was sure our leaders would be able to hear each other and would find some temporal solution at the very last moment. I was terribly wrong. I was smashed and it took time before I got back the possibility to formulate thoughts into words. Sorry for the delay. I hope it is not fatal delay.

Our thoughts are with people who are now in the midst of the war, Ukrainians or Russians, wherever they live, wherever they are from, it does not matter. People suffer and we feel their fear, desperation, and pain. Every cell of my heart is bleeding. We also feel anger that someone dears to speak on our behalf, knowing that our opinion is different.

That is my personal message, I do not want to mention names or ask people to sign it. But believe me, please, I know what I say

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WE WANT MILITARY ACTIONS STOP ALL OVER UKRAINE AND NEGOTIATIONS START.

As a historian and anthropologist I know,

PEACE IS INEVITABLE

As a woman, mother and grandmother I can just hope.

Please, circulate my message to everyone who you think would like to read it. It may be not good English, it may be too chaotic. But that is what I feel and cry ever since the February 24.

Sincerely yours,

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