



We stand with Ukraine. The Russian Federation's attack on a sovereign state is a cruel violation of international law.

Trivial amidst real human suffering, there is a question for international moots: Many call for Russian teams to be excluded from moot competitions.

The team for the MGIMO University was set to participate in the 13th Breakfast Rounds. Here, we draw on our convictions.

The Vis Moot connects students in peaceful debate based on international law. It equips the next generation of leadership with tools to promote the rule of law and advance justice for all. We believe in mooties. In fostering the individual's ability to make a difference and drive change, everywhere.

But mooties compete for universities. Universities assemble a team of their students, support them, and showcase their accolades. We believe that letting mooties compete formally as individuals does not sever this tie.

It has come to our attention that the MGIMO University advances egregious claims about what is happening in Ukraine. About Russia's role. About who is responsible for this senseless aggression.

Ukrainian teams will likely miss out on international moots. And there is little we can do about that. But we can refuse to support universities that contribute to their suffering.

The team for the MGIMO University will not compete at the 13th Breakfast Rounds.

To the Russian mooties: We still believe in your ability to make a difference. This is not to hold you responsible. But we cannot support you right now. Let us take this as another reason to hope for peaceful resolution and work towards change.

We stand with Ukraine, in every way we can.

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