

## **DOCOMOMO International Solidarity Statement on Ukraine**

As the world's stewards dedicated to the documentation and conservation of buildings, sites and neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement, **DOCOMOMO** International stands in solidarity with our members, colleagues and with all other people in Ukraine.

We are outraged by the unnecessary and shameless invasion and the Russian government's brutal aggression on the country of Ukraine including its people and its culture. This act of aggression is not just about overturning government but also about wiping out a culture including its history and monuments. **DOCOMOMO** International condemns the aggression by the Russian government and remain steadfast in our support of Ukrainians and Ukrainian heritage. We are grateful to all nations, industries, **DOCOMOMO** members and peers, and other non-governmental organizations for their unity, strength and courage in the face of such aggression against Ukraine

Ukraine has a vast and rich culture that spreads across disciplines and time periods in addition to seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites and seventeen more on the [tentative list](#). This does not begin to scratch the surface of the twentieth century heritage and modernism that is our expertise. So far, only the famous [Derzhprom \(the State Industry Building\)](#), as "the world's largest building in the constructivist style", is on the tentative list and can be regarded symbolically for many other cities, buildings and sites of the Modern Movement in Ukraine. Kharkiv was considered "[one of the largest living laboratories of new architecture in Europe](#)", [the inter-war modernism heritage in Zaporizhzhia](#) as well as modernism in Lviv or Lutsk are subject of national and international research.

**DOCOMOMO** Ukraine together with other academics and activists has been documenting and analysing the history of Modernism and Constructivism throughout the decades. **DOCOMOMO** International will work to make this knowledge and research freely available. Today many of these objects have been already destroyed, seriously damaged, or are at risk of being destroyed due to the brutal aggression.

**DOCOMOMO** International and its national chapters will take action in the development of a plan on documentation, protection and conservation of modern heritage sites in Ukraine and calls the international community to join and to develop this plan with us.

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**Signed by International Members and National Working Parties** (updated 16<sup>rd</sup> April 2022).

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