

**Statement of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the Member States of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research on preserving the unity of the Institute, its scientific mission and international partnerships within a peaceful environment**

In our joint efforts to maintain the unity of the Institute, we, the Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the JINR Member States, are deeply concerned and regret the current events in Ukraine with widespread and tragic consequences leading to dramatic loss of life and critical international security challenges. Therefore, we call for peace and immediate and concerted actions to find an urgent resolution to this extraordinary situation through dialogue and diplomacy.

Science transcends borders. We urge all Member States of the Institute to stand together and act by joining forces to preserve the stability and unity of JINR. More than ever, reinforcing JINR's mission in the peaceful pursuit of science, it is of utmost importance to continue the support provided for the research and educational activities of the Institute aimed at the benefit of the whole mankind. The members of the JINR Committee of Plenipotentiaries, reunited in an extraordinary meeting on 17 and 21 March 2022, declare the following:

1. We reconfirm our full commitment to the Charter of the Institute, reasserting that all our common resources are used solely for peaceful purposes and the benefit of humankind. Along with implementing its major objective — studies of the fundamental laws of matter, JINR has created and sustains a unique environment for its Member States and partner countries, facilitating scientific cooperation and mutual cultural enrichment.
2. We reiterate our commitment to ensure the unity of the Institute and to support further development of JINR as an international intergovernmental research organization, providing a valuable platform for multilateral scientific communication and collaborations. JINR should remain a distinctive scientific bridge between nations for resolution of global challenges confronting humanity — according to the Institute's Charter and in alignment with the Sofia Declaration of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries on the value of international integration in science and technology, which we adopted in Bulgaria in November 2021.
3. We underline the importance for JINR to continue its close cooperation with international research organizations and in particular with CERN. We emphasize the special role and mission resting with two largest international research organizations in the field of Particle and Nuclear Physics — CERN and JINR, which over the last 65 years have proved their commitment towards strengthening peace and stability.