

**Joint Statement**  
**40th Japan-EU Interparliamentary Conference**  
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Having concluded discussions in Tokyo on 31 October and 1 November 2022, the Delegations from the National Diet of Japan and the European Parliament to the 40th Japan-EU Interparliamentary Conference issue the following joint statement:

1. The Delegations reaffirm that even amidst mounting challenges and threats to the international order based on the UN Charter, Japan and the EU, which share common values and principles such as democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and fundamental freedoms, will continue to deepen their cooperation as close partners in the international arena, including working closely for regional stability in Asia and Europe.
2. The Delegations condemn in the strongest of terms the unprovoked, unjustifiable, and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine by Russia, while also expressing their full solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. Furthermore, the Delegations hope that the relevant countries will take concerted action to strengthen energy and food security in the face of the sharp rise in global energy and food prices stemming from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
3. Based on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Delegations resolve to continue to promote exchange between the people and the parliaments of Japan and the EU, in keeping with the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 3 of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA).



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